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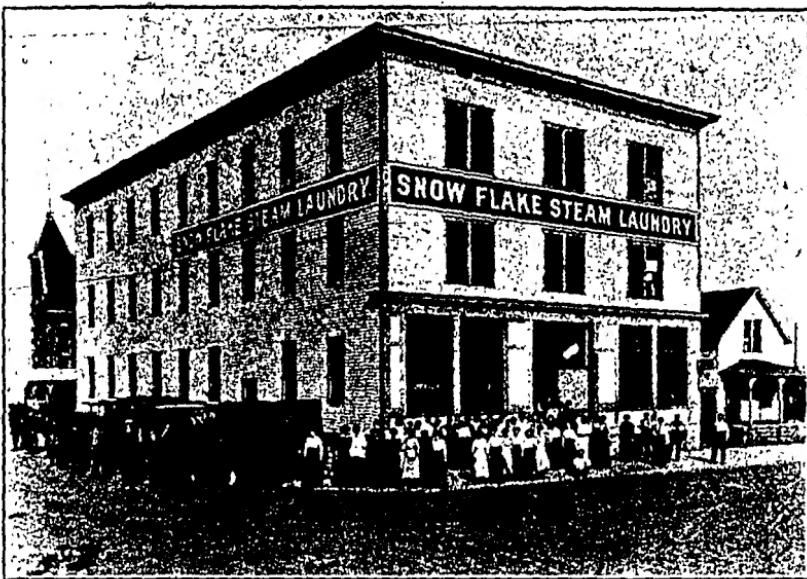
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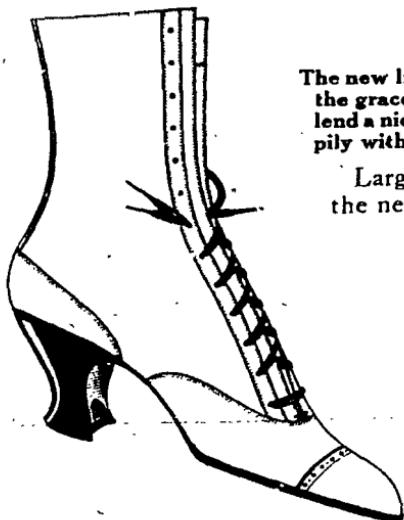
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Editors' Foreword

In the compiling of "Club Women's Records," the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club hopes to accomplish a threefold mission, viz, to put women's work on record in a condensed and readable form, to bring the city woman and the country woman in touch with one another's activities, to give an impetus to club work in general.

A book of this nature has not been at hand previously and the Press Women trust that in the gathering and compiling of the reports they may accomplish the making of more than a mere guide book. The splendid efforts of the different organizations as set down in the following pages, will, it is hoped, prove an inspiration to women workers.

The publication also contains a synopsis of the laws of Alberta pertaining to women, especially the Women's Franchise Act, and Property Rights, of so much importance to each one at the present time. Throughout the book are also excerpts from the pens of members of the Edmonton Women's Press Club.

The Press Club wishes to take this opportunity of extending its thanks for the kindly reception of the book by the members of the different women's clubs whose reports, chronicled herein, show such great achievements. Acknowledgment is also due to the merchants and business men who have made the publication possible by aiding in the practical manner of advertising. The pages contained in the latter section are gratifying symbols of the thriving mercantile and "made in Edmonton" enterprises.

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Introduction

IN the early days of Edmonton there were women's societies in connection with the different churches, but the first which was interdenominational or general in character was formed in 1894 at the residence of Mrs. J. T. Blowey. This was The Order of King's Daughters, which had for its motto the words, "In His Name," and the object of which was to work systematically for the relief of the poor of the village.

Shortly afterwards, in the same year, the Edmonton Local Council of Women was formed with the following officers: President, Mrs. Alex. Taylor; Recording Secretary, Mrs. N. D. Beck; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Johnstone Walker.

The following year, in 1895, the Council was addressed by the Countess of Aberdeen, the National President. The full text of Her Excellencies' address on that occasion may be read in the Edmonton Bulletin. As the minutes of this Council are not available, we do not know when the Council ceased to exist.

The second Local Council was organized in 1908, with Mrs. Bryce Saunders as President, and Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea as Honorary President.

On the occasion of the visit of Their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Aberdeen to Edmonton, the latter, accompanied by Mrs. D. G. Maqueen, visited the Edmonton General Hospital, then in process of erection, but it was not until May, 1899, that the Women's Hospital Ald was established. Its first president was Mrs. Gertrude Edmiston.

The first chapter of the Daughters of the Empire established was the "Westward Ho," in 1908, with Mrs. H. C. Wilson as Regent. This was also the first chapter in the province.

Space does not permit of any fuller review of the history of the first organizations but one cannot leave the subject without mentioning in gratitude and with admiration, the names of some of the earlier workers, such as Mrs. T. Bellamy, Mrs. D. C. Robertson, Mrs. R. J. Manson, Mrs. H. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. M. Douglas, Mrs. John A. McDougall, Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. W. H. Graydon, Mrs. F. Ross, Mrs. Kinnaird, Mrs. James Lauder, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Jellatt, Mrs. Strathy, Mrs. Braithwaite, Mrs. Alex. Taylor, Mrs. Maqueen, Mrs. Richard Secord, Mrs. Sutter, Mrs. Arthur Mowat, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Hardisty, Sr., Mrs. T. M. Turnbull, Mrs. Constantine, and Mrs. Goodridge.

It is not necessary to dwell upon the work of the women of today in that a resume of this is given in the pages which follow. It is easy to predicate, however, that its future work must largely concern itself with the nationalizing of the foreigners who have trekked across this land of Alberta in long and lustful lines. It is not only desirable that we should do this, but necessary in order that we may protect the rights we have secured by enfranchisement. I heard, the other day, of a foreigner in this province who wrote home to Italy: "Come to Canada all of you, they give you a vote out here, and then give you \$2.00 for it."

It remains with our women to teach these people the true meaning of the franchise, and to instruct them concerning the questions they must vote upon, especially those which pertain to their own sex. The rural organizations and school teachers should make this their most active and persistent work. This is a labor which will require not only vision but the constructive ability to materialize the vision; to pull it out of the clouds, as it were, and to pin it to solid earth.

Emily F. Murphy



Club Women's Records

LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF EDMONTON

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Mrs. A. N. Mouat	3rd Vice-President	Mrs. E. T. Bishop	Affiliation Sec.

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Mrs. R. W. R. Armstrong . . . Nursing	Mrs. Chester D. Gainer	Laws
Mrs. R. J. Russell	Mrs. H. G. Timbers	Equal Moral Standard
Household Economics		

ON February 21st, 1908, Mrs. O. C. Edwards, of Macleod, who was, and still is, vice-president of Alberta of the National Council of Women and convener of National Council Standing Committee on Laws, met a representative gathering of women of Edmonton and discussed with them the advisability of forming a Local Council in Edmonton. The result of this meeting was that ten societies, believing that a more intimate knowledge of one another's work would result in larger mutual sympathy and greater unity of thought and therefore more effective action, decided to organize a Local Council. The elected officers of the first Edmonton Local Council of Women were:

Honorary President	Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea
President	Mrs. Bryce Saunders.
Vice-President	Mrs. W. D. Ferris
Secretary	Mrs. R. W. Cautley.
Treasurer	Mrs. J. D. Hyndman

This organization, which is a convenient medium of communication between women's societies and a means of prosecuting any work of common interest, aims to bring its associations of women into closer relationship of organized union and yet not to interfere with independence of thought or method of procedure with any of its affiliated bodies.

The Local Council has been steadily increasing in the number of its affiliated societies and in the interest shown by them in the work undertaken, until the year 1916, it has sixty-one affiliated societies of which fifteen have joined during the present year, making approximately a membership of seven thousand women. The committees under which the council has done most of its work have been very active during the past year.

The committee on Laws has had a broad and varied field of labor, with the growth of women's activities. With the extension of the franchise, the main thought of the committee has been along legislative lines. Various statutes of the Alberta Legislature and Dominion Parliament have been studied, suggestions made and definite ideas formed in order to make these acts best suit the needs of the majority of citizens. The committee has recommended that the National Council petition for a federal divorce law administered through provincial courts similar to the present criminal code of Canada, thus giving the poor and uninfluential citizen the same right under the act as the wealthy and influential. The National Council is also asked to take up a scheme for red light abatement whereby the landlord to some extent may be made responsible for the tenant.



MRS. R. H. KNIGHT

During the year the several Local Councils in the province have been linked up by the Provincial Law Committee. The president and convener of the committee on laws of each council, together with the heads of the provincial organizations forming the Provincial Law Committee which is to keep the women of the province united and versed in the matters discussed. The reforms being studied by this committee at the present time are those relating to property rights, the parental rights, and the widows' pension act.

The committee of Equal Moral Standard has done a great deal of work for the girls and was successful in June in having Mrs. Arthur Murphy "Janey Canuck," appointed police magistrate with a full women's court.

This is a great step towards the lessening of crime in the city, a step in the right direction for justice.

The work of the committee on Household Economics may be summed up under the following headings:

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The Committee on Household Economics is being a great power in community welfare.

The Local Council has been instrumental in assisting Mrs. Brett, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, in collecting the Duchess of Connaught Prisoners of War Fund. Letters were sent out to affiliated societies, to the schools of the city and to many of the larger towns, all of which generously contributed.

Though the Local Council realizes that all have been busy workers and that much has been gained it is not blind to the fact that there are many reforms yet needed and trusts that many of these may be speedily accomplished.

LILY FORBES REID, Recording Secretary.

EDMONTON EQUAL FRANCHISE LEAGUE

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

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Mrs. R. W. McClung .. 1st Vice-Pres. Miss Helen Nichols .. Sec'y-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Avery Smith, Mrs. H. G. Timbers, Mrs. Jas. East, Mrs. H. E. Drew, Mrs. D. Boyaner, Mrs. John Galloway, Mrs. W. E. Nobles.

THE Edmonton Equal Franchise League was formed on February 4, 1914, it being deemed expedient that some society should have the one object in view of bringing the question of woman's suffrage before the legislature.

An executive committee consisting of a president, first and second vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer, was elected annually. A membership fee of \$1.00 a year was charged.

During 1914, a series of public meetings were held in Edmonton. Petitions for signatures of those in sympathy with the movement, were circulated, several members of the league making a house-to-house canvass. The first annual meeting, held on February 4, 1915, was very well attended, keen interest having been aroused by the statements of several members of the legislature on their attitude towards woman's suffrage. An interview with Premier Sifton was requested to ascertain what prospects there were for the passing of a woman's enfranchisement bill. He intimated that he would receive a deputation in the latter part

of February, 1915. To ensure a well represented gathering, the league corresponded with practically every society and league in the province of Alberta. The enthusiastic response resulted in a deputation of from 1,000 to 1,100 representative men and women. The premier heard all the delegates, acknowledged that they had a very strong case, but objected that the farming population of the province should be better represented. The league then arranged a series of public meetings to be held in all parts of the province, to create interest; a local speaker was selected where possible.



MRS R. W. McCLUNG

In the city itself, several members of the league threw their homes open at the tea hour for public meetings, which were addressed by a fellow member. These meetings were always well attended and proved very successful.

The premier's one objection was adequately met later. At their annual meeting, the United Farmers of Alberta voted unanimously in favor of woman's suffrage.

During the spring session of 1916, the Alberta legislature passed an act called "The Equal Suffrage Statutory Law Amendment Act," (being cap. 5, of the Statutes of Alberta, 1916,) thus bestowing upon the women of Alberta the full parliamentary franchise.

Although the league has attained its object, it is still in existence. It was largely instrumental in having the Married Woman's Home Protection Act passed, and is very active during municipal election times.

HELEN NICHOLS, Secretary.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB OF EDMONTON

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MRS. H. M. TORY

THE Women's Canadian Club was organized October 30, 1911 with Mrs. Arthur Murphy as president, and at the end of the first year the membership was 265. During the first year four addresses were given by visitors from out of town, as follows: "Lord Selkirk, Colonist and Patriot," by Reverend George Bryce of Ottawa; "Village Life in Egypt," by Mr. C. T. Currelley, Egyptologist and curator University of Toronto; "Patriotism," by Mrs. Creighton, widow of the late Bishop of London, and "What Canada Owes to Great Britain," by Mr. Castell Hopkins. During the first year the question of preserving the old Fort was discussed and ways and means suggested to accomplish this object.

The original officers were all elected for the second year. During the year 1912-1913 Mr. Lionel Gibbs spoke to the club on "Town Planning"; Miss Saunders, General Secretary for Canada for the Y. W. C. A., spoke on "The Women of Eastern Lands." On one occasion the club entertained the Women's Press Club, and on another Mrs. C. W. Cross opened her house to the club to allow all of its members to have the pleasure of meeting Miss Margaret Anglin. After a luncheon given in his honor, Mr. John S. Ewart, K.C. of Ottawa, lectured on "Patriotism," interpreted to mean true Canadianism.

The club opened the third year of its history with Mrs. A. F. Ewing as president. At a luncheon arranged in honor of Mr. Benson and Miss Dorothy Green, Stratford-on-Avon, Mr. Benson spoke to the club on "The Drama, Past and Present." At another meeting Miss Katherine Merritt spoke of the work of the "Queen Mary Needlework Guild," and Lieut. Col. Griesbach, just returned from the trenches in Flanders, had much to say of interest to all the members. Dr. Tory, president of the University of Alberta, addressed the club, choosing as his subject, "The Higher Education." Mrs. Schaffer, of Banff, was another speaker, her topic being, "The National Parks in Canada." Jessie Alexander, when here, was entertained at Government House, as a guest of the club. Dr. Dyde, principal of Robertson College, lectured on "Canada." At this lecture the national anthems of the Allies were sung by representative choirs.

During the club's fourth year, with the same president, it had the pleasure of entertaining a very distinguished guest at luncheon, Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson, who spoke afterwards about the Maxine Elliott relief work in Belgium. One hundred dollars was voted to this work and a subsequent fund was started which assumed large proportions before it was sent to England. Reverend Father Drummond addressed the club on "Heroic Aspects of the War." Principal Hutton, of the University of Toronto, discussed "The Course of French History Since 1870." Miss Marie Tempest was entertained at luncheon by the executive of the club. In conjunction with the Men's Canadian Club, the members had the pleasure of hearing Hon. Mr. Casgrain, Postmaster General, and Col. Currie. The Australian Cadets paid Edmonton a visit and the Women's Canadian Club had the privilege of entertaining them, Mrs. Ewing, the president, presenting them with the Canadian ensign, at their closing concert. Miss Knox, of Havergal Hall, spoke to the club one afternoon and at the annual meeting Prof. Broadus spoke on the subject, "English Poetry of the War."

During the present year, November 26, 1915, to November 10, 1916, there have been five general meetings, at four of which tea was served. In February Dean Kerr spoke on "The Rise of the Hohenzollerns." In March Mr. O. M. Biggar addressed the club on "The Spirit of the Canadian Constitution." In April, Col. Leprohon gave a summary of his experiences from the time of his stay at Valcartier until the return from the battle front. In May, Prof. Broadus lectured on "Women in

Utopia," being notes on the women in the country of Atrebla, a forecast of women's activities in Alberta during the next twenty years.

During the year several people of note have been invited to be guests of the club, but for various reasons could not accept, among them being Dr. Tory, president University of Alberta; Dr. Suggals, president University of Washington; Rustom Rustomjee, of India; Baron Unkull, of Russia, and the Right Honorable Sir Robert L. Borden.

Seven executive meetings have been held, when a great amount of routine work was accomplished. Liberal donations have been made to the following: Soldiers' Recreation Rooms; Travelers' Aid, Y.W.C.A.; Bugle Band, 194th Kilties battalion; Band of 196th, Western Universities battalion; Victorian Order of Nurses; Duchess of Connaught's Prisoners of War Fund; Maple Leaf Club and Red Cross Society.

Just recently, in October, Mrs. Broadus gave an address, her title being, "The Ladies' Dr. Johnson," depicting some social aspects of literary life in London during the eighteenth century.

During the year the club added 78 new names to its membership, making a total of about 350. With the idea of preserving some of the historic points of Edmonton, more especially old "Fort Edmonton," plans are now under way to have a miniature fort made, which later may be placed in some public place.

Next year being the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation, some preliminary plans are being made for a suitable commemoration of the same.

MABEL L. WALLBRIDGE, Corresponding Secretary.

"Few of us really appreciate the sun as we should, or sympathize with the many difficulties it has to contend with. It is busier than the busiest housekeeper in the world; always chasing away mists and clouds, and warming cold corners, and trying to make things grow; with no afternoon nap or nightly sleep. Never discouraged if the mists won't be chased, or the cold corners refuse to be warmed, or the seeds refuse to germinate, but just coming around again next day to have another try.

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It is useless, West is strong, stronger than East.
Here I must stay until God's great feast.
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Where my heart just longs to be.

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The standing committees are: (1) Finance and Entertainment; (2) Literature and Magazines; (3) Laws and Prosecutions.



DISCUSSIONS in the Westward Ho Chapter I.O.D.E., (first of the order in Edmonton) as to the necessity for helping suffering animals, resulted in an Edmonton Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals being formed in the year 1907. After many vicissitudes this society was incorporated in 1912 under the name of the Alberta Humane Society, the then secretary considering that this title conveyed a broader sense of the sphere of work.

One of the first efforts was to give a water trough for horses and dogs, the city coming to the society's aid by installing eight more and further efforts resulted in obtaining from the city of Edmonton the permanent position of a humane officer, the supervision of the pound where the society has an emergency hospital equipped with blankets, etc., and two electric cages installed by the members at a cost of over \$200. This year nearly 600 animals have been destroyed in a humane manner and several owners of pet dogs have remarked how well the cages operated. Many cases have been brought to court and delinquents punished. Chief of Police, Mr. George Hill, may be depended upon for co-operation at all times. The honorary solicitor, H. H. Robertson, has signal success with the cases he handles; while the R. N. W. M. P. has invariably shown great courtesy and acted promptly in several difficult cases at a distance.

The Humane Officer states cruelty is now seldom seen in Edmonton, the culprits being deterred from such by the prompt way in which they have been brought to justice. The following statistics for the past twelve months show some of the work which goes on: 570 animals destroyed, 682 calls, 5,682 inspections and in addition one or other of the officers receives and advises on the reports of the Humane Officer phones in three or four times weekly.

About 1913 a Band of Mercy was started and successfully carried on for a few years when it was thought necessary to organize in the schools for which \$100 was subscribed by the Humane Society for buttons, cards, etc.

Funds are raised when needed in the usual manner and there is a long list of interested members in addition to the energetic committees and working members. During the war the club is helping the Blue Cross Society and also the Belgian Relief Fund and other humane objects. Medals are given annually at the Edmonton Exhibition for well-cared-for aged horses.

A horses' Home of Rest is under discussion and a fund for this object will shortly be established.

The press is most kind in keeping the society before the public and aiding the work by publishing monthly reports.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. R. G. Brett ... Hon. President
 Mrs. A. L. Sifton, Hon. Vice-President
 Mrs. A. A. Pinckney ... President
 Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea ... 1st Vice-Pres.
 Mrs. W. I. Crafts ... 2nd Vice-Pres.
 Mrs. E. H. Garrison, ... 3rd Vice-Pres.

Mrs. Thos. Bellamy, ... 4th Vice-Pres.
 Mrs. Robert Lee Treasurer
 Miss Grace Ritchie ... Cor. Secretary
 Mrs. Percy Seager ... Rec. Secretary
 Miss E. Bradshaw ... Gen. Secretary

JIN the summer of 1907 Miss Susie Little, general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association of Canada, visited Western Canada for the purpose of viewing the situation and organizing associations where it was thought expedient. She arrived in Edmonton early in July and on the ninth addressed a public meeting in the First Baptist Church. The need existing in the west for some provision for the large number of young women without homes was emphasized and plans outlined to meet the need in Edmonton. In conclusion Miss Little stated the association was not only a centre of happiness for business women away from home, but afforded opportunity for all young women in domestic service, in shops, and factories, as well as young women of leisure. Principal Riddell of Alberta College, Rev. C. A. Myers, and Rev. A. M. McDonald spoke in hearty encouragement of the work and of the obvious need of a comfortable boarding-house for women. It was stated that of a list of 153 rooms available for lodgers left in the office of the Y. M. C. A. only three were willing to take women.

A provisional committee was organized composed of Mesdames Bulyea, Bellamy, Barnes, Chown, Edwards, Ewing, Ferris, Fulmer, Hall, J. O. Harrison, Magrath, Manson, Marshall, C. E. Morris, Myers, McQueen, Nobles, O'Connor, C. E. Race, Riddell, D. C. Robertson, H. J. Saigeon, H. A. Smith, Somerville, Williamson-Taylor, Wells, Misses Down, Montgomery, B. H. Nichols, G. S. Robinson; Mrs. Taylor, secretary. An advisory committee was appointed composed of the following gentlemen: Mr. Turnbull, Col. Edwards, Mr. Magrath and Dr. Riddell.

The first meeting of this committee was held at the home of Mrs. Riddell on July 11, 1907. Mrs. Ferris reported regarding her search for a suitable home. The following committees were then named: Building, Mrs. Wells; House, Miss Nichols; Secretary, Miss Robinson; Treasurer, Mrs. Magrath.



MRS. A. A. PINCKNEY

On August 9th, a mass meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church. Miss Little was present and gave an address after which reports were read. It was moved by Mrs. Somerville and seconded by Mrs. Riddell, "That we who are now present do form and agree to become members of the Young Women's Christian Association of Edmonton and to be governed by the constitution and bylaws for the Association." Carried. The society was launched with fifty members.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held in All Saints' school room on August 30, 1907, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. H. Whitelaw; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Thos. Bellamy; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Wells; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Somerville. Recording Secretary was Miss Witherald; Treasurer, Mrs. Magrath. At a later meeting Miss Grace Brown was appointed Corres-

ponding Secretary. After careful consideration it was decided to rent a house on the corner of First and Elizabeth streets. This home, which accommodated seven girls, was formally opened by Mrs. Bulyea on October 15, 1907.

Miss Effie Keagey was the first general secretary and Miss Annie Dunlop, who is still doing excellent work in the association, was the first superintendent.

It was not long until this building was found to be too small and larger quarters had to be obtained. At this time there were in Edmonton about 2,000 wage-earning women filling the following positions, engaged in domestic service 1,000, waitresses and chambermaids 125, nurses 75, teachers 125, stenographers 200, dressmakers, tailoresses and milliners 100, employed in government offices about 125, shops 75, laundries 60.

To better meet the rapidly growing need, the property on 103rd street, now occupied by the association, was purchased. This home was formally opened by Mrs. Bulyea on January 13, 1910.

The success of the association is due to the untiring efforts of the following ladies who have filled the position of president: Mrs. Whitelaw, Mrs. T. Bellamy, Mrs. Magrath, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Denby, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Pinckney. The following are the names of the general secretaries: Miss Keagey, Mrs. Shepherd, Miss Vance, Miss Lukes, Miss Thompson and Miss E. Bradshaw.

Miss Weir was appointed the first Travellers' Aid Secretary and in her first annual report she says 365 girls were brought to the Y. W. C. A. During the year 263 were found employment, and 672 women and girls were assisted in a general way. In the annual report for the year ending March 1916, the Travellers' Aid reports having met 5,406 trains, 2,828 women and girls were assisted and 1,035 found shelter in the Home. The association through its social gatherings, clubs, and educational work came in touch with over 800 girls. To meet the needs of the girls working in factories, a branch was opened in the Fairbairn Block on Namayo avenue three years ago, where there is a cafeteria and rest room.

The association today has three women who meet all trains arriving in the city at any hour of the day or night. Classes are held and instruction given in Physical Culture, Swimming, and Millinery. There also is a Vesper Club, a Welcome Club for girls away from home, and a Dramatic Club. In all this work the association has been handicapped through lack of a properly equipped building.

The work of the Young Women's Christian Association stands for all-round development of true Christian womanhood; for development intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually.

ELIZABETH BRADSHAW, General Secretary.

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We have missed a great deal of the joy of life by taking ourselves too seriously. We exaggerate our own importance, and so if honor or distinction or the vote of thanks does not come our way we are hurt.

—Nellie McClung.

WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea, Hon. President	Mrs. G. B. Gardiner....3rd Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Nellie McClung, Hon. Vice-Pres.	Mrs. George C. Clark.....Secretary
Mrs. J. Clyde Macdonald, President	Mrs. Percy Seager....Corr. Secretary
Mrs. W. J. McGrath....1st Vice-Pres.	Mrs. E. E. Chauvin.....Treasurer
Mrs. W. E. Lines.....2nd Vice-Pres.	Mrs. W. W. Prevey..Assistant Treas.

THE Women's Civic Club was organized as an auxiliary to the men's Industrial Association but when the Industrial Association amalgamated with the Board of Trade in January, 1916, a constitution of our own was afterwards adopted and the name "Women's Civic Club" with the object of city beautification, prevention of slum conditions, teaching children to produce food of economic value, the value of beauty and cleanliness in city and home life, the entertainment of strangers, education of public opinion toward a better citizenship, promotion of legislation and enforcement of laws.



MRS. J. CLYDE MACDONALD

Luncheons were given in honor of the women of the United Farmers' Association, The Women's Press Club, and the executive of the Women's Institute when a telegram was sent to Hon. Sir Robert Borden as follows: "The Women's Institute of Alberta and the Women's Industrial Association wish to know if your government has declared against women Suffrage. Have we anything to hope from you?"

A garden party was given at the home of Mrs. Gardiner, the guest of honor being Mrs. Fels, of Chicago, and the executives of the women's clubs throughout the city were invited.

At Christmas time in 1914 and 1915 the needy children in the city were treated to a Christmas tree. In December, 1915, suitable clothing was provided for one hundred families from the proceeds of a tea given at the home of Mrs. W. T. Henry. These children were taken for an auto ride, provided with a bountiful supper and each child received a gift from the tree. It was a gratifying sight to see these children's happy faces.

Several unsightly lots on 102nd street were taken over, cleaned up and planted in grass with three flower beds and part in potatoes. Flowers from these beds were sent to the hospitals and the potatoes to the Welfare League. To defray the expenses of these plants a garden party was given at the home of Mrs. Gardiner, Capital Hill, also the children from the Shelter were given a picnic on this occasion.

Full support was given to the City Clean-Up movement to have all tin signs removed from the trees, fences and posts.

In 1915 seeds were distributed to 1,850 school children. These gardens were visited and 200 prizes awarded at a picnic given at Victoria Park. The flowers and vegetables were exhibited at the exhibition.

The club enjoyed interesting papers by Mrs. J. O. Gibson on "What other cities have done to clean up their city," by Mrs. Nellie McClung on "Civic Work," Dean Howes and Mr. Carpenter on "The far-reaching effect of getting the children educated on agriculture and city beautification."

GRACE CLARK, Secretary.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY EDMONTON BRANCH

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Dr. H. M. Tory.....	President	Mr. H. H. Richards...Hon. Treasurer
Mrs. Duncan Smith— 1st Vice-President and Gen. Supt.		Miss J. Ponton.....Hon. Secretary
Mrs. J. D. Harrison...2nd Vice-Pres.		Mrs. Leslie Jennings— Convenor Programme Committee
Mrs. H. J. Dawson, 3rd Vice-President		

THE Edmonton Red Cross was organized towards the end of December, 1914, and commenced work in January, 1915. Through the kindness of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Society has had the use of the rooms which it occupies in the C.P.R. building, free of charge. It started with two rooms and has gradually increased the number until at the present time it is occupying ten.

The duties began by purchasing material for the desired garments and bandages—patterns for these being furnished by the provincial branch. We are indebted to the Great Western Garment Co., and to the Emery Manufacturing Co., for cutting all the garments free of charge.

A cutting committee, working in the rooms, is in charge of the various bandages, bags, slings, operation stockings, etc. These and the garments are given given out to City Red Cross Sewing Circles and individual workers to be made up. They are also sent, free of charge, with ready-made samples and directions, to volunteer auxiliaries in the Edmonton district and small towns in the northern part of the province.

There are, to date, 161 city circles—averaging about 3,000 workers; besides these there are about 350 individuals who take work out on their own account.

Working in the rooms (besides the cutting committee already mentioned) there are several others, viz., country packing, altering, sorting, distributing, receiving and folding committees—the latter getting finished supplies ready for the packer, who is responsible for the packing of 100 boxes per month—this being the number sent by the Edmonton Branch for the past seven months. The number of women working on the above mentioned committees averages 125 per week.

At the end of the year, September 1915, there were 40 outside auxiliaries. There are to date nearly four times that number, the last recorded being 154.

The officers of these auxiliaries have been most kind and helpful, co-operating in having the supplies made up according to the high standards set by the Red Cross Society.



MRS DUNCAN SMITH

At the present time, comparatively little altering on these supplies is necessary, when they reach the work rooms, to bring them up to Red Cross requirements. Indeed the work of the older auxiliaries is splendid, and, notwithstanding the strenuous correspondence which goes on between them and the secretary (involving much time and patience) it is a great pleasure to be associated with them in this work.

About 64,000 finished articles have been returned and forwarded with our supplies for the use of hospitals abroad—the auxiliaries being

given full credit for the additional value put on these articles by their work.

From the date of inception to the end of October, 1915, there have been 18 shipments to headquarters, totalling 325 boxes, and 76,325 articles, the approximate value being \$19,110.20.

From the date of inception to the end of October, 1915, there was sent from Edmonton a total of 976 boxes and 215,440 articles, the approximate value being \$63,464.10.

It is thus apparent that the output for the 11 months ending September 1915, has more than trebled that of the previous 10 months.

It is calculated that the cash value of the total number of articles (293,771) shipped to date is approximately \$82,574.30.

The list of supplies handled by this branch comprises chiefly garments and the complicated bandages, bags, slings, etc., and NOT roller bandages, surgical dressings, gauze wipes, and sponges. The number of articles forwarded is, therefore, more remarkable.

JULIA PONTON, Honorary Secretary.

ST. JOHN AMULANCE ASSOCIATION

CLUB WOMEN'S RECORDS

His Honor Lieut. Governor Brett Honorary President
H. M. Tory, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S.C. President

Vice-Presidents	Working Committee—Alberta Council
Edgar W. Allan, M. D.	Mrs. H. C. Wilson Convenor
Mrs. H. C. Wilson	Mrs. A. F. Ewing Asst. Convenor
T. B. Kidner	Mrs. F. A. Osborne Secretary
Wm. Hardy	Mrs. Jas. Ramsey Treasurer
Bertram Souch	Mrs. W. T. Henry Asst. Treasurer
H. H. Gaetz	Mrs. T. M. Turnbull Buyer

ST. JOHN Ambulance Association is the Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, a most ancient order possessing an unbroken record back to the Eleventh Century. The association was founded in 1877 and the Canadian branch was organized in 1910 with headquarters at Ottawa.

Each province is entitled to have established a provincial council of the Canadian branch to bear the name of the province and to be under the direct patronage of the Lieutenant Governor. An Alberta council had already been in existence for some years with Dr. Tory as president, when, on August 29, 1914, a meeting was called of representatives from the women's organizations in the city, at which a resolution was passed "That the women of Edmonton representing the various women's societies of the city form themselves into a branch under the Alberta council of the St. John Ambulance Association to work under the Canadian Relief Committee in supplying auxiliary aid to the sick and wounded on active service at home and abroad." This branch became the "Working Committee" of the association, with Mrs. H. C. Wilson as convenor.

Through the kindness of Mr. J. A. McDougall, a large room, furnished, heated and lighted, was placed at the service of the committee.

Westward Ho! Chapter J. O. D. E. started a fund for the work with a donation of \$50.00 and from that time friends of the cause have been most generous with gifts of money, time and work.

The first work undertaken was the providing and shipping of Red Cross supplies to the association in England. Then, hearing that our Edmonton boys at Valcartier were much in need of socks and shirts, 2,000 pairs of the former and 500 of the latter were collected in record time and shipped, arriving just in time to be put on the transports that carried the First Canadian Contingent overseas. Attention was then turned to forwarding knitted comforts to headquarters for men on active service.



MRS. H. C. WILSON

In December, 1914, a local branch of the Red Cross Society was organized. As this society deals only with sick, wounded and prisoners the Working Committee decided to keep its own organization and give its entire attention to providing Field Comforts for our fighting men. During the earlier stages of the war these were supplied to local battalions in training here, and to those already in England, but since our boys first crossed to France, all comforts have been sent direct to Edmonton men in the trenches.

These comforts consist principally of socks, of which 12,250 pairs have been sent, but with them have gone scarfs, wristlets, handkerchiefs, caps, soap, candles, towels, paper, envelopes, pencils, gum, toffee, chocolate, pipes, tobacco and cigarettes. Letters from officers and men tell how much these have been appreciated.

Until recently these supplies have been packed in regulation boxes and sent by freight. However, owing to the congestion of traffic, shortage of boats, etc., considerable time has elapsed before the shipments have reached their destination. To avoid this, all comforts are now done up in 7-lb. parcels, each of which is mailed to some Edmonton boy in France, accompanied by a letter requesting him to distribute the contents among Edmonton boys, remembering especially those who do not receive parcels from home. This method has been found to be quite satisfactory as the parcels reach the men in France almost as soon as a letter will.

While the shipping of comforts to the firing-line has been the main work of the committee, several other phases of the work have been undertaken and accomplished. Boxes of clothing have been sent to the Belgians, and to the reservists of the Belgian and Italian armies who have left to join their colors, have been given some small token of remembrance in appreciation of the fact that they are our allies in this great struggle for truth and right.

Realizing what home papers mean to the men so far from home, the committee sent a circular letter to the managers and editors of all newspapers printed in Alberta, asking that copies of their papers be sent to hospitals and convalescent homes where Canadians are likely to be. The response was a generous one, and the home papers are much enjoyed by the men fortunate enough to receive them. "News from Home" budgets the work of the grade pupils in the schools, have also been sent through the committee both to hospitals and trenches where they have received a very warm welcome.

Having found that, when war broke out, knitting was almost a lost art, the committee through the kindness of Mr. Carpenter, superintendent of city schools, conducted classes in this subject in the schools. A competition was held and at Easter prizes were awarded to the best knitters in each school and to the best knitters in all the schools. Then in order that interest in this work might be kept up, further prizes were offered for knitting by school children at the Edmonton Exhibition in July.

For some time after the work commenced donations of money and goods poured in from all parts of the province, but as the calls for help towards different patriotic objects became more numerous and more insistent, voluntary contributions became fewer in number. Therefore, in order to keep up the funds special efforts have been made of which all have met with success.

A large portion of the money is used to purchase wool which is distributed to be knit into socks. Several splendid circles of women are knitting constantly as well as many individuals, both in the city and at outside points. More knitters, many more, are needed, and it is hoped many will respond by coming, for a supply of wool, to the committee rooms, where there is a large quantity on hand.

Edmonton has taken a magnificent part in sending overseas her very best, to fight for Freedom, King, and Empire, and with so many gallant lads in the trenches watching for parcels from home, the sympathy, interest, and help of every individual is needed in order that they may not watch in vain.

MARGARET L. OSBORNE, Secretary.

ALBERTA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION EDMONTON BRANCH

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Brett.....	Honorary President	Miss Agnes Wilson.....	Cor. Secretary
Mrs. Cecil E. Race.....	President	Miss Kathleen Teskey.....	Treasurer
Mrs. Jas. McCaig.....	1st Vice-President	Mrs. Killam, Miss Maddock and	
Mrs. A. L. Burt.....	2nd Vice-President	Mrs. D S. MacKenzie.....	Councillors
Miss Helen Montgomery.....		Rec. Sec.	



MRS. CECIL E. RACE

THE Alberta Women's Association, which is composed chiefly of university graduates, was organized in November, 1909. Monthly meetings are held during the university year at which lectures of general interest to women are given. The aim of the association is to promote educational interests, especially those of women and more particularly in connection with the University of Alberta.

The first work undertaken for this institution was the endowment of an annual scholarship of fifty dollars, open to the women students of

the first year. A gold medal is awarded annually for the highest standing in the third and fourth years. This is open to both men and women students. In 1914, a Student Aid Fund was established which is loaned at a low rate of interest. Already much good has resulted from the careful handling of this money. In 1915, to celebrate the Centenary of Peace between Great Britain and the United States, the association started an annual grant to the Department of History for the purchase of books dealing with the relations of the two countries.

Besides its connection with the university, the association has taken an active interest in education in the city, both in the Y.W.C.A. and in the city schools.

Naturally for the past two years, patriotic work has enlisted the sympathies of the club, its energies having been directed principally to assisting our own university boys on active service. Two contributions for Christmas comforts have been made and a sum of money raised to help provide musical instruments for the Western Universities Battalion band. Besides this, contributions have been made to the Hospital Ship, to the Red Cross Society, and to the Duchess of Connaught Prisoners of War Fund.

ANNIE E. RACE, President,
HELEN B. MONTGOMERY, Rec. Sec.

WOMAN'S HOSPITAL AID ROYAL ALEXANDRA

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Patronesses

Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea.
Mrs. A. L. Sifton.
Mrs. Arthur Murphy.
Mrs. G. J. Kinnaird.
Mrs. C. A. Mitchell.
Mrs. A. F. Ewing.
Mrs. W. T. Henry.

Officers

Mrs. R. G. Brett, Honorary President
Mrs. W. J. Melrose President
Mrs. G. J. Kinnaird. 1st Vice-Pres.
Mrs. John Stocks 2nd Vice-Pres.
Mrs. N. J. McLeod Secretary
Mrs. J. Yorke Treasurer

JIN May, 1899, a meeting was called by the Board of Directors of the Public Hospital, for the purpose of soliciting the assistance of the women of Edmonton in their work. The object of the meeting was explained by Mr. Alex. Taylor, president of the board, and a plan of proposed building exhibited. The result of the meeting was the formation of the Woman's Hospital Aid Society, its primary object to be to supply the Public Hospital with bed linen and other furnishings, the funds of the society to be used for no other purpose unless so determined by a majority vote of its members.

Mrs. Edmiston occupied the president's chair for the first two and a half years and ably conducted the Woman's Aid through the pioneer days of its existence.

The women of the society worked zealously in getting linen and all necessary articles and by soliciting subscriptions in the surrounding

country, as well as in the city, so that at the opening of the hospital, in December, 1900, they had a good supply of things needed.

In October, 1901, the Woman's Hospital Aid assumed the responsibility of the hospital debt amounting to \$8,200, the work of the men to be to attend to its furnishing and maintenance, and to pay interest on debt. The taking over of this debt meant much planning and scheming to raise funds to meet the notes as they came due.

The hospital needs increased very rapidly with the growth of the city and the building soon became inadequate. Fortunately, however, the present site had enhanced in value so that in 1906 it was valued at \$30,000 and the board of directors had decided to build a larger and better building on a more suitable site.

In March, 1908, the Woman's Hospital Aid became affiliated with the Local Council of Women.

In the spring of 1909 the organization decided to undertake the complete furnishing of the new Royal Alexandra hospital and thenceforth became the Aid of that hospital. Many of the private wards were furnished by different societies and individuals through the Woman's Aid and the people of Edmonton were most generous in their support of the work.

Mrs. Arthur Murphy occupied the president's chair during that year, when a mammoth fair or bazaar, lasting three days, was held in the old Thistle Rink. This proved most successful, and the sum realized banished any fears as to the ability of the Woman's Aid to shoulder the work undertaken.

In 1911 Mrs. Braithwaite was elected president and remained in office two years, during which time the furnishing of the Royal Alexandra hospital was completed. Too much cannot be said as to her interest and activity in everything connected with the hospital, and the society felt that her judgment was always sane and reliable in the smallest detail.

The hospital was formally opened on April 18, 1912, Mrs. Braithwaite turning the key which admitted the public.

During the next year the Nurses' Home was completed and the Woman's Aid was asked, by the board, if they could undertake to furnish it. This the society felt unable to do, and the president, Mrs. Morgan, undertook to do so by soliciting donations, and everything necessary to make the building a real home, was provided.

Mrs. Kinnaird is the only one of the charter members of the Woman's Aid who is still actively interested. She has always been one of the most energetic workers and can usually be found where there is the most work to be done.

Mrs. Melrose has been the president during the last year and a half, and the work has been carried on in the usual way, so that notwithstanding the stress of the times, the Woman's Aid was enabled to spend \$3,185.28 in the up keep of the hospital.

DAISY MACLEOD, Secretary.

WOMEN'S VOLUNTEER RESERVE

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Patrons and Patronesses

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor
and Mrs. Brett
The Hon. A. L. and Mrs. Sifton
The Hon. G. H. V. and Mrs. Bulyea
Miss A. Murphy, Magistrate
Dr. E. A. and Mrs. Braithwaite
Dr. W. D. and Mrs. Chapelle
Dr. E. L. and Mrs. Garner
Dr. T. H. and Mrs. Prust

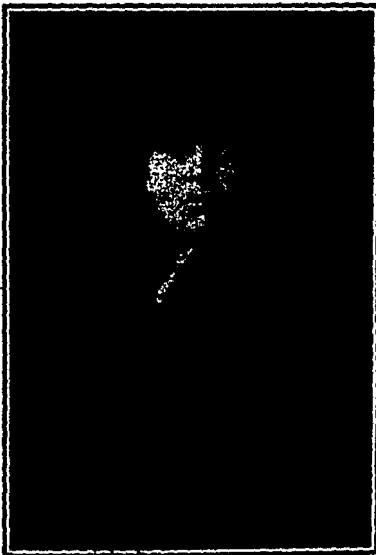
Executive Board

Mrs. M. Macdonald, Lieut. Col. O. C.
Miss L. Coates, Lieut.....Ambulance
Miss L. C. Fleming, Lieut....Musketry
Mrs. A. Fateman, Lieut...Ambulance
Miss K. Candy, Lieutenant.....Band
Mr. E. Moorhouse.....Sec.-Treas
INSTRUCTORS

Mr. J. KeelerSignalling
Mr. A. A. QuilleyBand
Miss J. GlassPhysical
Mr. E. Moorhouse. Infantry Training

THIS organization is now well into its second year of existence and has every reason to be proud of its success.

Organized July 1915, along the lines and constitution of the Women's Volunteer Reserve of Great Britain to train along practical lines and to be ready to offer their services to the state in any capacity



MRS. M. MACDONALD

should occasion arise. Choosing as their motto the slogan, "Be Ready," the members entered into training, (which comprises infantry and physical drill, ambulance work in both first aid and home nursing, target shooting, signalling and of late drum and fife band; the first two being compulsory and the remainder optional.)

Membership is open to all women of the British Empire. Officers and Non-Coms. are chosen from the ranks for ability and efficiency as vacancies and need arises.

The executive council is composed of all officers who are in charge

and responsible for a branch of the organization. Instruction is given in each branch by competent instructors, and all members in standing wear the official badges comprising hat badge with crest and motto "Be Ready" and shoulder badges W.V.R..

What the organization has done:—Trained over 200 women in infantry drill and physical exercises.

Ambulance classes are held weekly. Examinations are held in connection, 14 members out of 16 receiving St. John Ambulance certificates at the first sitting for first aid work. At the second examination held for both first aid and nursing all members were successful.

A rifle range has been installed at which most members practice weekly and at which all have been taught to shoot accurately. Signalling instruction is given to a large section who are rapidly becoming efficient. The Drum and Fife band started and is making good headway. The corps paraded for three public inspections before Lieut.-Gov. Bulyea, Mayor Henry and Major A. E. Hopkins respectively, being strongly complimented for efficiency.

Displays of infantry and physical drill were given at the Gymkhana November 4th, 1915, in aid of the Red Cross and also at the Spring Horse Show receiving rousing ovations and compliments from civilians and military men. Public functions and recruiting meetings have been attended by request, while the administration expenses have been cleared and a fund created by means of dances and entertainments. The Reserve has also contributed nearly \$200 to the band funds of the 151st and 194th Battalions and Ontario Fire Sufferers' Relief Fund.

What the organization will do:—It will carry on the work in all its branches and in addition assist in any and all branches of war work. Two events of this nature recently transpired, the first at the Macdonald hotel in the shape of a lecture by Mrs. Willard Merritt and on September 19th, under the auspices of the W.V.R., a lecture by Mrs. Harold Peat with his honor the Lieut. Governor in the chair at the McDougall church. The proceeds of these two events went to the Queen Mary Needlework Guild and the Red Cross Society.

Bandages are being made by a number of the members, the material being provided from W.V.R. funds.

In ambulance work a new term is commencing with Dr. E. A. Braithwaite as lecturer in home nursing and all women whether members of the Reserve or not are invited to attend.

MARGARET MAC DONALD, Lieut.-Col., O. C.

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Should woman propose? Certainly: A woman should do anything she chooses, with perhaps the unimportant exception of being the father of a family. . . . The business of marriage is essentially woman's province and should be handed over to her. She is a kind of blank census paper waiting to be filled up with marriages, births, and other domestic affairs. Talk to her about a man whose exploits are filling the world, and she will ask you only two questions—was he married, and whether he had any children.—Janey Canuck.

FEDERATED W. C. T. U. of EDMONTON

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. R. S. Cook President Mrs. R. B. Walt Secretary
 Mrs. McLean Smith .. Vice-President Mrs. T. Taylor Treasurer

THE Federated Women's Christian Temperance Union of Edmonton of the various city unions which with dates of organization and consists of an elected executive and the presidents and secretaries first presidents are as follows: Edmonton Central, 1891, the late Mrs. Jas. McDonald; Strathcona, 1896, Mrs. Thos. Richards; Norwood, 1913, Mrs. Fife; Bonnie Doon, 1913, Mrs. Sheldon; West End, 1914, Mrs. Coote; Highlands, 1915, Mrs. Moorehouse; and Young W. C. T. U., 1915, Miss Eva Gimbey.



MRS. R. S. COOK

The Federated W. C. T. U. of Edmonton was organized July 3, 1914, with Mrs. Wesley Howard as president, the purpose being to bring the several unions of the city together to unite efforts for the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic and for the education and upliftment of humanity.

The special work of this district W. C. T. U. has been the conducting of regular services in the Children's Shelter, the distribution of Sunday school papers, song services and scripture lessons for children, and the supporting of a paid lecturer to visit the public schools and lecture on scientific and medical temperance. Medal and essay contest work have also been taken up.

During the prohibition campaign which had such successful results

in Alberta the unions were extremely active. They paid speakers to lecture on prohibition; they made a house to house canvass; they made special efforts to reach the foreign element by speakers; on election day they systematically phoned all voters; funds were used to advertise on posters the benefits of prohibition and members were stationed at all the polling booths to make a last personal appeal.

The work of the W. C. T.U. is so broad, some of its departments being, legislation and petition, prison reform, temperance, etc., that it needs the co-operation of every woman.

It is looking forward to the time when prohibition will be Dominion-wide.

MINETTA F. COOK, President.

ROBERTSON COLLEGE GUILD

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Arthur Mowat and Mrs. J. A. MacDougall ... Honorary Presidents
 Mrs. A. F. Ewing President
 Mrs. H. J. Keith 1st Vice-President
 Mrs. A. T. Blain 2nd Vice-President
 Mrs. S. W. Dyde 3rd Vice-President
 Mrs. Muir Edwards Secretary
 Mrs. H. Depew Assistant Secretary
 Mrs. J. M. Douglas Cor. Secretary
 Mrs. W. W. Hutton Press Secretary
 Mrs. M. Runnals Treasurer

Mrs. W. N. Condell Convenor Musical Committee
 Mrs. M. F. Tookey Convenor House Committee
 Mrs. W. Short Convenor Purchasing Committee
 Mrs. O. Bush Convenor Social Committee
 Mrs. J. M. Douglas Convenor Nominating Committee

JN the first week of September of the year 1911, a guild of Presbyterian women in Edmonton was organized to assist the board of management, in the furnishing of Robertson College, which was to be opened three weeks later. The members of the society were truly western in spirit, and were undaunted at the task set before them of raising sufficient money, in so short a time, to furnish a ten-roomed college, and to have all in readiness for the opening day, October 18.

In the three weeks allotted to them, the equivalent of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) was raised in money and donations. So pleased were the board of management with these efforts, that these ladies were asked if they would consider themselves a permanent organization, ready at all times to give help when help was required.

The guild appointed five standing committees, viz.: The membership, house, purchasing, social, and the nominating committees.

The membership committee has a convenor for each Presbyterian church in the city. She chooses her own sub-committees and canvasses once a year each member of the congregation for membership fees—nearly all money being raised by membership fees.

To the house committee is given the entire superintendence of the interior of the college. Each autumn the house is thoroughly cleaned and renovated, new household linen is properly marked and stamped and the new articles of furniture are suitably placed. This committee makes periodical visits to the college during the year to see that everything is

in good running order, and to be able to report to the purchasing committee all breakages and necessary replenishments.

To the nominating committee, each member is entitled to send nominations for officers, for a period of three weeks before the holding of the annual meeting. The nominating committee then meets and draws up its list of nominees, which is presented for the approval of the annual meeting.



MRS. A. F. EWING

The social committee is ready at all times to provide and serve refreshments at any meeting or reception of the Guild. To these committees have been added that of music and devotion.

During the years 1911 and 1912 the growth of Robertson College was so rapid that it necessitated the purchasing of two other buildings, besides the first furnished by the Guild.

The board of management called upon the ladies for assistance in these additional furnishings. By this time the interest of Calgary and Lethbridge was aroused in the college. As early as the summer of 1912 branch guilds were formed in these places. In the spring of 1914 guilds were organized in Camrose and Wetaskiwin. All these outside branches have been most generous in giving financial aid.

There are now five branches in all—Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Wetaskiwin and Camrose. In the five years since its origin the Guild has contributed over \$5,000.00 to Robertson College. Of this amount \$1,146.00 has been raised by Calgary, Lethbridge, Wetaskiwin and Camrose.

Although the Guild was originally formed to be of assistance in

furnishing the college, which required in its younger days, like most newly-formed institutions, serious effort to lay its foundation deep and strong, still the members of the society were ambitious to serve a wider and higher purpose. Accordingly, they have set before them the task of arousing the interest of the Presbyterian women throughout all the province to raise sufficient funds to establish a lectureship. For this \$200.00 has been set aside as a nucleus, to which a certain sum will be added yearly.

Several donations have also been made by the Guild during its short history. A scholarship of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars has been given to the student for the best examination on the English Bible. A gift of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars has been made to the Missionary Library of the College, and a grant of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars has been set aside as a Bursary Fund.

The Guild meets quarterly during the year, and has aimed to make its gatherings profitable. Influential speakers have been procured to address the society, and a good program of music has been provided.

The members of the Guild grow more enthusiastic each year in the carrying on of their work, partly because of their great faith in Robertson College, and also because they believe that under the able guidance of the staff and board the college will prove one of the strongest forces in the province for the cause of righteousness and for the uplifting of humanity.

ANNA J. WELLS.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Patronesses		Officers		
Mrs. R. G. Brett		Mrs. Robert Knell	1st Vice-Pres.	
Mrs. A. L. Sifton.		Mrs. Jas. Ramsey	2nd Vice-Pres.	
Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea.		Mrs. W. A. Brown	3rd Vice-Pres.	
Mrs. J. R. Benson	President	Mrs. H. H. Cooper	Treasurer	
		Mrs. Joslin Pirie	Secretary	

THE object of the Edmonton branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses who are otherwise unable to obtain trained nursing in their own Nurses Association is to provide skilled nursing for the sick, homes, within the limits of the city of Edmonton.

This society was organized July, 1909, with one nurse doing the work the first officers being: Mrs. Robt. Knell, President; Mrs. H. B. Spratt, Treasurer; Mrs. Allan Fraser, Secretary. A great deal of the early success of this order was due to the financing of Mrs. Spratt, who filled the office of treasurer for over six years, in the most capable manner.

The services of this one nurse were so much in demand that it was found necessary to secure two others. In the summer of 1915, the order took up Child Welfare work and a special nurse was employed for three months to look after this department. Since then it has made a special feature of this work and has had a Victorian Order nurse specially trained

attending to these cases. Her duties are, instruction in the care and feeding of infants, as well as practical assistance when the need arises. The splendid success of this work can only be well known by those into whose homes this skilled nurse has come, and has meant the saving of perhaps hundreds of infants of this city.

Perhaps the work of this society will be more appreciated when it is known that its three nurses make an average of over five hundred visits each month. The faithfulness of the nurses deserves the greatest admiration and support. Their work is carried on in the homes of people who are often unable to pay for it, and the society is always willing to have its nurses visit these homes, whether the patient is able to pay or not.



MRS. J. R. BENSON

In order to carry on this work successfully, the order is dependent for its funds upon membership fees, donations, a grant from the city and small fees from patients who are able to pay.

A board of management, consisting of thirty members, governs the work, visits the sick from time to time, and often supplies them with nourishing food. There is an emergency box always available, containing fresh bed linen, clothing for adults, and complete outfits for new babies.

The annual meeting is held at Government House, and is open to all those interested in the work.

MAUDE PIRIE, Secretary.

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The needful work is the holy work. She only is a drudge or underling who is the mind of one.—Janey Canuck.

WOMEN'S MUSICAL CLUB

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. W. G. Atkinson	President	Executive Committee
Madame Cote	1st Vice-Pres.	Mrs. W. G. Harrison.
Mrs. W. McDonald	2nd Vice-Pres.	Mrs. J. N. Eagleson.
Mrs. B. Maxfield	Secretary	Mrs. C. F. Newell.
Mrs. H. B. Spratt	Treasurer	Mrs. A. A. Nicholls.
Mrs. W. N. Condell	Convenor Entertainment Committee	Madame Duggan.

ORGANIZED in 1910, the Women's Musical Club of Edmonton owes its existence chiefly to the efforts of a few Edmonton music lovers, amongst whom may be mentioned Madame Cote, Mrs. H. B. Spratt, Mrs. Wallace McDonald, Mrs. James Biggar, and Mrs. Frank Bowers.

The idea of such an association had its origin in small semi-private musical gatherings which had been held at one or other of the homes of these ladies for some time previous to the inception of the club. The need of a properly organized musical body, having become increasingly evident, matters reached a head, and on October 22, 1910, a constitution was drawn up and the club was born under the name of Edmonton Musical Club.



MRS. W. G. ATKINSON

Briefly stated, the purposes of the new organization were in the first place the study of music in all its branches, secondly the study of all literature devoted to music, and thirdly the propagation of musical culture in Edmonton by the opportunities afforded by the existence of the club of bringing eminent musicians before the musical public.

The new venture was attended with immediate success, 56 members being enrolled at its initial meeting, not less than 29 of whom were active members, i.e. assisting in performances given by the club. The idea caught the imagination and enthusiasm of Edmonton women and the association grew in numbers and influence until in May, 1912, reorganization of the constitution was affected, a step which had become inevitable as the scope of the club widened and its membership. Incidentally the name of the institution was changed, that of "The Women's Musical Club of Edmonton" being substituted for the older and less suitable title:

As at present organized the meetings of the club (which averages between 200 to 300 members,) take place monthly and are in the nature of recitals at each of which a paper is read appreciative of various composers and their characteristics and of the widely-differing styles of composition presented by the various schools. Programmes for the current year will be based upon: October, Music inspired by war; November, Scandinavian; December, "Gena Branscombe"; January, English music; February, Russian music; March, Italian operatic music; April, Students' programme and miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous.

Each year a special feature is made of the students' recital performed, as the name implies, by student members alone.

It may be interesting to note that these members are divided into three classes, active, associate and student, any woman resident of Edmonton being eligible on being recommended by two members of the club and on payment of an annual fee of \$1.00, (student members 50c.)

In arranging the programme the executive is assisted by a specially selected committee which considerably lightens the work by taking the responsibility for alternate recitals during the season. Such a committee is in the present year composed of the following: Miss Moore, Mrs. Craig and Miss Anne Bellamy.

The Musical Club has prospered, supplying, as it did and does, a need in the community; and its aims have been at least partially realized up to the present. The main purpose—the furtherance of musical culture and musical ideals—has never been forgotten, and all the activities of the executive and members have been towards that end. Their energies have not indeed been restricted to a mere series of performances; but, on the contrary, nothing has been left undone in the pursuit of musical development. Kindred organizations have been assisted by the club and efforts have been made by representations to the educational authorities to have the study of music incorporated into, and retained in, the respective curricula of our high and public schools.

The presidents of the club, from its inception to the present, have been Madame Cote, Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Broadus, Mrs. Atkinson.

JEAN ATKINSON, President.

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The trouble with money is that it cannot be spent twice.

—Janey Canuck.

WOMEN'S ART ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea, Hon. President Mrs. J. D. Hyndman .. Vice-President
 Mrs. Daniel Davies President Mrs. K. Forbes Reid, Sec'y-Treasurer

JN September, 1911, the Edmonton branch of the Women's Art Association was formed with the above officers. Rooms were secured in the Moser-Ryder building and a modest beginning was made with two classes, Mrs. A. Archibald, as art instructor, giving her services practically free to a class of some ten pupils. A large sewing class, at which a fee of \$5 for ten lessons was charged, together with a membership fee of \$1, paid the expenses of the branch for the first ten months, which included amounts paid the sewing instructor, \$50; janitor, \$5; rent, \$25 per month.



MRS. DANIEL DAVIES

In September of the following year Miss Nellie Andrews and Miss Frances Davies were the art instructors. The classes were in china painting, water colors, modelling and arts and crafts, viz., stencil work, hammered brass, leather tooling and bookbinding. This year the art classes and china firing paid the expenses of instructors, rent, light, fuel and incidentals, including material. Up till August, when the association held an exhibit in the Edmonton Exhibition grounds, no building being then available for that purpose, three tents were used, one for the exhibition of paintings, arts and crafts, clay modelling, book binding and hand-made jewelry, all work of the members of the association. This exhibit was valued at \$5,000 and was exceedingly creditable to

teachers and pupils alike. The second tent was used as a lunch room to provide the money to finance the enterprise. The third was a kitchen and rest room, the latter being highly appreciated by the hundreds who visited it. An idea of the work involved may be gained from the fact that 5,000 meals were served in one day at the refreshment room.

Notwithstanding the depression following war conditions, this branch donated \$75 in the first year of the war towards field comforts for the soldiers, and this year the work is being continued in rooms donated for the purpose by a member of the association, where classes were carried on until the summer holidays and the sum of \$150 was given to the returned soldier artists in Paris, France, who had become crippled in the war.

This branch has great inherent strength and on the return of normal conditions may be expected to prosecute the work with greater vigor than ever.

ANNIE A. DAVIES, President.

EDMONTON BUSINESS WOMAN'S CLUB

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Miss Edna Kells President
 Miss Alice Blain Vice-President
 Miss Annie McElravey, Cor. Secretary
 Miss Elsie Pratley .. Rec. Secretary
 Miss Lillian Nichols Treasurer
 Social Committee : Miss Elizabeth Cauldwell, (convenor), Mrs. Chas. F. Alwork, Miss Isabel Fuller, Miss K. Williams, Miss Dorothy Hartley.
 Loan Fund Committee: Miss Ethel Bottomley, (convenor.)

Educational Committee: Miss A. G. Maddock, (convenor), Miss Elizabeth Bradshaw, Miss A. McElravey, Miss Helen Smith.
 Program Committee: Miss Hettie Knapp, (convenor), Miss Helen Nichols, Miss Gladys Hartley.
 Flower and Visiting Committee: Miss Gladys Hawthorne, (convenor), Miss Gertrude Mason, Miss Jessie Moses, Miss Helen Dickie.

HE Edmonton Business Women's Club was formed on October 7th, 1914, its object to increase fellowship among business women in order to promote the best practical methods of advancing their educational, industrial and social interests. Miss Ray Dillow was the first president, and the other members of the executive were Miss Agnes Thompson, Miss Edna Kells, Miss Ethel Bottomley, Miss Flossie Daly, Miss Neepa Russell, Mrs. R. A. King, Miss Margaret Stark, Miss Violet Scriver, Miss M. Fairweather, Mrs. Heber Fallis.

The program of the club included monthly luncheons, evening lectures, social evenings, hikes, reading circles, and Red Cross circles. The speakers at the luncheons and lectures included prominent educationists leaders of thought among women, and prominent business men, all of whom displayed a kindly interest in the work of the club.

The Social Service Committee under the convenorship of Miss Margaret Stark accomplished some important work in investigating the causes of unemployment—among women in different lines of work. Lack of efficiency was found to be the chief cause, and efforts were made to remedy this by arranging plans whereby the office worker could continue her studies and make herself more competent.

The Employment branch of the work which was established early in the history of the club, has continued steadily, and accomplished much in placing members of the club and other business girls in permanent and temporary positions. This branch is at present conducted by the president, Edna Kells, (phone 9271.)

The Loan Fund established in January, 1915, for the purpose of assisting any member of the club tide over an emergency caused by illness or lack of employment, or to assist any member who desires to increase her efficiency by taking some special course of training, has been of great service on different occasions. This is handled on a purely business basis and enables members to obtain financial assistance without incurring any exorbitant charges, or without any feeling that they are receiving charity.

The Red Cross Circles formed in October, 1915, continued working through the winter season. In June these were merged into one circle, which meets every Friday evening under the direction of Mrs. Sherry.

The club is affiliated with the Local Council of Women and takes an active interest in its work.

In October, 1915, clubrooms were obtained in the Sandison Block. These were the club's headquarters until October 31st, 1915, when arrangements were made with the Y.W.C.A. for use of the "Y" clubroom for evening meetings, with club privileges for its members during the day. This change was felt desirable in order to secure quarters more centrally located.

The program for the season 1916-17 is an interesting one, including some splendid lectures, social evenings, the luncheons which have been a popular feature of the club life, and a series of public meetings. Feeling that women have a responsibility to fulfill in public life, the club has arranged as a part of its program a series of public meetings for the discussion of topics of current and vital interest.

Membership in the club is open to self-supporting women, and the membership fee of \$1.00 per year places it within reach of all.

EDNA KELLS, President.

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WAITIN'

We're not so mighty important, you know,
Even though we're waitin',
That things will come somersaultin' our way
To help the waitin',
So let's look around for a springy board
To sit on and whittle and thank the Lord,
Durin' the waitin'.

—May L. Armitage.

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When you begin to feel all fussed up, worried and cross, frayed at the edges, and down at the heel—go out and look up at the stars. They are so serene, detached, and uncaring.—Nellie McClung.

VACANT LOTS GARDEN CLUB

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

His Honor Lieut. Governor R. G. Brett	Mrs. E. T. Bishop	Vice-President
Hon. President	W. G. Carpenter, Secretary-Treasurer	
His Worship Mayor W. T. Henry—	Mrs. J. Clyde MacDonald, Miss E.	
Hon. Vice-President	Cumming, R. S. McKenzie, Committee	
Geo. Harcourt	President	

GHE Board of Directors consists of representatives from: Local Council of Women, Women's Civic Club, Highlands Ladies' Improvement League, Consumers' League, Independent Order of the Daughters of the Empire, Property Owners' Association, Board of Trade, Welfare League, Salvation Army, Trades, and Labor Council, Business Women's Club, Horticultural Society, Exhibition Association, City Council, Public School Board and the University of Alberta.

The club was organized in the early spring of 1916 at the suggestion of His Honor Lieut. Governor Brett. The aim was to bring under cultivation as many of the vacant lots of the city as possible, to encourage the cleaning of these lots, and the general beautifying of the city. In this way it was hoped to have many disreputable-looking lots in time producing vegetables and flowers, and thus adding to the community wealth instead of being a nuisance and an eyesore.

A series of twenty meetings was held throughout the city at which the aims of the club were presented. From the first the idea proved popular and was taken up quite readily. Lists of vacant lots available were secured and arrangements made for having them plowed at special rates. In addition to the actual membership there is no doubt that many lots were cultivated by the stimulating influence of the movement through the generous support given by the press of the city. As a result of the work of the club nineteen of the city schools secured twenty-two lots and made school gardens.

As an instance of what can be done by way of improvement one case may be cited. A lot on Jasper avenue, covered with broken down vehicles as well as debris of all kinds, was cleaned up, plowed and planted with potatoes. A crop of 83 bushels of choice tubers was harvested. Surely this was worth while.

The Honorary President is much interested in the work of the society and opened the grounds at Government House in September for a garden fete under the auspices of the club in conjunction with the Red Cross Society, in order that every citizen might have an opportunity of seeing the flowers and shrubs growing there. An exhibit of vegetables made by the club at the exhibition of Made in Edmonton products, held under the auspices of the Consumers' League, attracted most favorable comment and demonstrated the perfection vegetables attain here.

While the club cannot boast of any startling results, yet an excellent beginning has been made. Much pioneer work had to be done and discouragements met. The membership for the year was 71, and as the direct work of the club some 150 lots were under cultivation.

GEORGE HARCOURT, President.

WOMEN'S BENEFIT ASSOCIATION OF THE MACABEES

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Edith E. Marks	Commander	Hortense Lambert	Sergeant
Clara A. Keatley ..	Lieut. Commander	Sarah M. Lynch	Sentinel
Jennie Boyaner ..	Past Commander	Sophia Greenfield	Picket
Marion J. Heisel ..	Record Keeper	Kate M. Arthur	Captain
Kate M. Arthur ..	Finance Auditor	Bessie Cameron	1st Color Bearer
Lillian Patrick	Chaplain	Mellinda Gibson	2nd Color Bearer
Mary Messier	Lady-at-Arms	Ruby E. McAlpine	Pianist

LIFE insurance for women is the object of this fraternity, which is one of the pioneer women's societies of Edmonton. Organized in 1904, of the twenty charter members only five are members today, lapses in membership being one of the sore trials of a business fraternity.



MRS. H. J. MARKS

Four of the members have passed to the great beyond and their beneficiaries have received their just compensations promptly. There are no new members since the beginning of the great struggle in which our nation is involved, and there has been no effort to get any as the responsibility is out of all proportion to the advantage, but the members have endeavored by every sisterly helpfulness to keep each other in good and legal standing.

When the Equal Franchise League presented its petition to Premier Sifton and members of the legislature of Alberta this society was one of several that had the privilege of addressing their honorable body.

It is a matter of pride that four members are on the executive of the Local Council of Women. Three members are at the heads of Red Cross circles and they have thousands of finished articles to their credit. One past commander, Mrs. Hodge, has knitted one hundred and twenty-eight pairs of socks besides sleeping helmets and abdominal belts for our men in the trenches and hospitals. The members feel although loyal to the order their first duty and devotion is the sacrifice of time and talent and substance and self in the great fight for our national life.

EDITH E. MARKS, Commander.

UNITED FARM WOMEN OF ALBERTA

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Walter Parlby, Alix . . President

Mrs. H. E. Spencer, Edgerton—

Vice-President

Mrs. R. W. Barrett, Mirror—

Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. H. C. McDaniels, Whitemud; Mrs.

J. A. Davis, Sr., Acme; Mrs. J. Dow-

ler, Veteran; Mrs. J. F. Ross, Duham-

mel; Miss Maddaugh, Altadore; Mrs.

J. Fortune, Hindville, Directors.

THE aims of the United Farm Women of Alberta briefly stated are as follows: To establish libraries, literary societies, reading rooms, arrange lectures and to further extend the knowledge of the members and their families along social and economic lines, with a view of elevating the standard of living in the rural communities.

To encourage members to provide suitable halls and meeting places and properly equip and furnish same for the social and educational benefits of the members.

To foster and encourage the co-operative method of distribution of farm products, and the supplying of staple commodities.

To make farm life more attractive, thereby keeping the young people on the farm.

To beautify the home, the home surroundings and the school.

To increase the efficiency of the homekeeper and raise the ideal of home life and work.

To work for better legislation for women, both Dominion and Provincial.

To work for better school boards with women among the trustees.

To foster and develop local taste for literature, music and the finer things of life.

The causes advocated are: Banish the Bar; Woman's Franchise; Policy of Peace; Co-operation; Rural Education; Establishment of Social Centres; Just Legislation; Help and Strengthen the Association as a Whole.

The club movement among farm women grew primarily out of a pronounced need for some form of social intercourse. The monotony and isolation of farm life, with its consequent restricted opportunities for recreation, development or service was the despair of many a thinking woman. How was she to retain the advantages which the life on the offers, the privacy, the simplicity and the joy and restfulness of the life

lived close to Nature, and at the same time effectively assist social movements for the betterment of community and national life. As an individual she could accomplish little; she must become part of an organization, but what?

Wide-awake women realized that back of their social problems—the efficient management of the home and the training and care of children—lay the economic problem. Labor-saving devices, conservation of health, better rural schools and higher education were directly connected with better markets, co-operative buying and selling, and better agricultural credit. In other words, the farmer's problem was his wife's problem also. What could be more logical than for her to assist the former's movement? And that is exactly what happened.

In 1913 the constitution of the United Farmers was amended so as to admit women into the organization with the same privileges as men. In 1914 farm women assembled with the men in annual convention. In 1915 a still larger number of women was present and this time the majority of women met in separate convention.

Most were strangers to each other and the only unifying elements were Miss Beynon of the Grain Growers' Guide, Miss Clendennan of the Farmers' Advocate, and Mrs. McNaughton, president of the Saskatchewan Women Grain Growers. The addresses given by these women and others were very much enjoyed, and on the last afternoon of the session we settled down to business. Miss Beynon made an excellent chairman, and after a lengthy discussion of our difficulties we finally organized as an auxiliary to the United Farmers of Alberta. Miss Jean C. Reed, of Alix, was chosen as President, Mrs. Rice-Jones, of Calgary, as Vice-President, Mrs. R. W. Barrett, of Mirror, as Secretary-Treasurer, and a Board of three Directors was appointed: Mrs. H. C. McDaniel, Whitla; Mrs. J. A. Davis, Sr., Acme; and Mrs. Young, Lacombe. A small grant was given us from the U.F.A. to carry on our work.

At the end of the first year we had twenty-three clubs, with a membership of about five hundred. We had gotten things on a working basis and besides had done a lot of relief work, through the organization, for settlers in drought-smitten districts of southern Alberta.

In January, 1916, about one hundred and fifty visitors and delegates were present at the convention which was held in Calgary. The sessions were extremely interesting and the memory of the convention remained as an inspiration in the months which followed. Having been officially recognized by the United Farmers, we organized permanently as a provincial society under the name of the United Farm Women of Alberta.

This second year of our work has already seen our numbers trebled. But it is not so much on our numerical strength as a women's organization that we rely. Behind us is the fighting force of the thirty thousand or more voters of the farmers' organization who will support us in any sane and just movement for the public good. What we need most is far-sighted and devoted men and women as rural leaders. Given these, who will accuse us of being too optimistic when we say that the rural life of Alberta may be made the best in the world!

This year has been made significant by the granting of Woman's Suffrage, and Prohibition. It has seen a keen interest being taken by our clubs in citizenship, better legislation, co-operative buying and selling, Red Cross societies which have done wonderful work, the establishment of rest rooms, and the formation of boys' and girls' clubs, School gardens and home gardens and school fairs where there is competition in school work and in good clean sports are encouraged. Better medical aid is receiving definite attention and as an outcome we hope to see Rural Municipal Hospitals established throughout the province.

Our work has so many sides and is so far-reaching that it should make its appeal to every woman who has any interest in, or sympathy with, rural life. Our motto is "Forward," our watchword "Better,"—a "Better" which is not bounded by the four walls we call home, but extends beyond even our national into our great international life.

LEONA R. BARRETT, Provincial Secretary.

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Christmas is almost here again with its harvest of good wishes, but, alas! this year with a grey cloud, which hangs low to tinge with sadness the happy spirit of the day. Many will not enjoy the commemoration of Christ's birthday with the joy of yore; but then, has not the very first Christmas come down through the ages as a day clouded with pain? The little stable at Bethlehem was very, very cold. The Infant shuddered. So did the Virgin Mother. There shone, however, above the humble roof, which sheltered the King, a wondrous star, which drew the wise men from the east with their mystic gifts for the royal Infant. And so, it was throughout the Divine Life, and it is the same with all-along the wayside there is always a star.

—Maud McKenney.

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How very easy it is to acquire the contentment which comes from the unselfish sharing of what one has with others less fortunate; be it monetary assistance or the help of sympathy and friendship. People do not need learning, eloquence or any special gift to bring others to the high-road of happiness; just kindness, and with kindness the darkest moment in anyone's life is brightened and made easier to bear.

Evelyn Gowan Murphy.

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"Consider the mole. He is an industrious little animal, always keeping his face turned earthward, his eyes blinded to the beauty about him. But in his efforts to elevate the world he only succeeds in digging himself in."—Edna Kells.

IMPERIAL ORDER DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

MUNICIPAL CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. R. G. Brett ... Honorary Regent
 Mrs. H. C. Wilson Regent
 Mrs. J. D. Hyndman 1st Vice-Regent
 Mrs. R. W. Cautley 2nd Vice-Regent
 Mrs. F. A. Osbofne ... Rec. Secretary
 Miss Grace Brown ... Cor. Secretary
 Mrs. A. H. Dickins Treasurer

Mrs. Arthur Mouat .. Standard Bearer
 Mrs. J. F. Morrison, Echoes Secretary
 Mrs. A. F. Ewing Organizing Secretary, (city)
 Mrs. S. W. Dyde Organizing Secretary, (outside)

GHE Municipal Charter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire is the executive body through which is carried out all extensive schemes undertaken by the primary chapters. The Edmonton Municipal Chapter was organized in 1911 with Mrs. Percy Barnes as Regent.



MRS. J. D. HYNDMAN

Having passed a resolution that the Daughters of the Empire take the initiative in having established in the city a municipally-owned convalescent home, the energies of the Chapter had, for some time before the declaration of war, been directed towards this purpose, but when war broke out this matter was, for the time being, put to one side, as work of more vital importance was claiming immediate attention.

The Order itself was organized during the Boer War, and when war

was declared in 1914 every member felt that the opportunity had come to provide an efficient organization by which prompt and united action might be taken, to (thus accomplish one) care for the dependents of our own volunteers and of many reservists who had, at very short notice, left for overseas.

Until such time as the government allowance arrived, and the Patriotic Fund could be arranged, the wives and families of these soldiers must be provided for. This the Daughters of the Empire did. They visited, personally, each family giving financial aid where needed, and sympathy and help in time of sickness or trouble. This visiting was continued after material assistance was no longer necessary, and as the number to be visited became larger and larger as new battalions were authorized, new chapters were organized that many more might have the privilege of assisting in this as well as in other phases of patriotic work.

When, on account of numbers, it became impossible to visit all the families in their homes, an office was opened in the McLeod Building, with a splendidly organized staff, and here the wives and mothers of the soldiers could find some members of the Order ready to give what help they could in matters needing attention. After being open for a year, the office was closed last September, but the visiting committee stands ready at all times to give assistance and sympathy to all widows, orphans, and dependents of our soldiers and sailors.

In November, 1915, the Chapter passed a resolution approving of the establishment of a Soldiers' Club. This club, with a cafeteria in connection, was for the comfort and convenience of the soldiers stationed in the city, and they greatly appreciated the opportunity provided for them for social gatherings, or a quiet hour for reading and writing.

There are now twenty-seven Primary Chapters, viz., Westward Ho!; Beaver House; Mistanusk; Wauchusk; Keomi; 19th Alberta Dragoons; Me-na-he-ko-sis; O-me-me; 101st Fusiliers; Fort Edmonton; 1st Canadian Contingent; Margaret Macdonald; King Albert; Asquith; Lloyd George; Duchess of Sutherland; British Navy; General Joffre; Cardinal Mercier; 49th Edmonton Regiment; Col. Harwood; Major Pete Anderson, (Junior Chapter); Emily C. Wilson; 194th Highlanders; Col. Griesbach; Jeanne D'Arc; Major Fane.

There are now in Edmonton about five hundred Daughters of the Empire, all of whom have taken a full share of the work brought on by war conditions, and all of whom when in the wisdom of Providence this dreadful struggle shall end, will deem it a privilege to cherish the memory of the brave and heroic deeds performed by our soldiers "Somewhere in France"; and the last resting places of our heroes and heroines, especially those in distant and solitary places; and to erect memorial stones on spots which have become sacred to the nation in this great struggle for freedom.

MARGARET L. OSBORNE, Secretary

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It would seem that she whose heart is wisely blithe has an enduring holiday.—Janey Canuck.

WESTWARD HO! CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. James Smith	Regent	Mrs. P. C. H. Primrose, Echoes Sec'y
Mrs. R. Percy Barnes 1st Vice-Regent		Miss G. Shibley
Mrs. A. F. Ewing .. 2nd Vice-Regent		Treasurer
Mrs. A. N. Mouat .. Secretary		Mrs. E. C. Pardee .. Standard Bearer

On Thursday afternoon, November 17th, Mrs. Arthur Mowat, of 8th Street West, invited a number of ladies to meet to organize a chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, an order of women at this time becoming very strong in eastern Canada, in alliance with the Victoria League, the Navy League, and the Guild of Loyal Women, South Africa; its aims and object being to provide an organization of women and children through which united and prompt action could be taken to assist patriotic work, to care for widows and children of soldiers, to instil into school children, patriotism in its fullest sense. Edmonton at this time was beginning to have an immense immigration of foreigners.



MRS. ARTHUR MOWAT

The following ladies were present: Mesdames Cross, Strathy, Constantine, Hobson, Ewing, Bouchier, the late Mrs. Braithwaite, Mesdames Pender, Turnbull, H. C. Wilson, and Miss Crosskill.

After a short discussion the following officials were elected: Regent, Mrs. H. C. Wilson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. C. M. Cross; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Bouchier; Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Ewing; Treasurer, Mrs. Hobson; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Strathy.

Proper steps were taken to procure a charter. At a following meeting the name and motto were chosen. "Westward Ho" with its motto "Ready Aye Ready" was found to be the first chapter west of the Great Lakes.

It would seem as if this little band of women had a premonition of the work they would be called upon to do, for in 1914, they were ready to do their part, with twenty other chapters, in helping the wives and children of our first volunteers who left two weeks after war was declared, to fight for the cause of freedom, knowing their wives and children would be cared for, "Westward Ho" making the first donation of \$50. The I. O. D. E. was made use of only until the Patriotic Fund was established, all the members feeling it a privilege to be able to do something.

Like most of the women's organizations in Edmonton at this time the work was mostly charitable and undenominational. The I. O. D. E. tried in every way and on all occasions to impress on our foreign population respect for "our flag" and the showing of respect by standing when the national anthem was played.

The first money collected by this chapter (something over \$1,000) was used to buy an ambulance and horses, then a great need in our growing city, and among the many subscriptions was one from the founder of the order, Mrs. Clark Murray, of Montreal. Other work undertaken was flags for boys' brigade and schools, uniforms for cadets, donations of money to "Travellers' Aid," Beulah Mission, destitute families. The chapter also used all the influence it could to have the site of the old Hudson's Bay fort preserved to form a nucleus of a museum, but this only remaining historical building was torn down this year. Help was given the district nurse. As far back as 1911 Council was approached regarding a market building on the market square.

"Westward Ho" has now four cannon donated by the Dominion government, the placing of which on some public school grounds has not yet been decided.

The first flag to fly on the Royal Alexandra Hospital was donated by "Westward Ho" with the promise of renewing it whenever required.

"Westward Ho" has promised to erect a memorial to our late beloved Queen Victoria. This work from time to time has been delayed, but when the great peace comes, it may not be the first memorial erected, but will follow shortly, this being the wish of one of our oldest members, now in her 86th year, Mrs. James Taylor.

Since the war began, many funds have been contributed to, the Belgian Relief, Prisoners of War, Tobacco Fund. In connection with the Anti-German League, the chapter draws all other chapters' attention to the toys made in Edmonton, to encourage, as far as they can, this industry.

Until the end of the war all Daughters of the I.O.D.E. will put their efforts only into work for relieving and assisting first, our boys in the trenches through the St. John Ambulance Association, secondly our prisoners of war and our wounded through the Red Cross society and last of all our brave returned heroes through the Returned Soldiers' Bureau; not the decorated ones perhaps, but just the heart of the army—the private.

ANNIE C. MOUAT, Secretary.

BEAVER HOUSE CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Valentine Barrow	Regent	Mrs. J. D. Hyndman	Secretary
Mrs. J. M. Douglas ..	1st Vice-Regent	Mrs. William Short	Treasurer
Mrs. J. H. Riddell ..	2nd Vice-Regent	Mrs. H. J. Dawson ..	Standard Bearer

BEAVER House Chapter, I. O. D. E. was one of the earliest formed chapters in western Canada. We received our charter in April 1906. "Beaver House" was the name given to the old trading post upon which site the city of Edmonton now stands. The charter members of eight years ago are still most eager and enthusiastic workers in this chapter. We have had to add to our numbers from time to time, but have always limited our membership to about eighteen.

The most important work taken up by us has been along patriotic and educational lines. Every year on Empire Day we assist in a patriotic celebration in one or other of the public schools where prizes of handsome books and medals are presented to the successful girls and boys in the essay competitions arranged by our chapter. These essays are written by children of the form and competed for by all the schools in Edmonton, the subject of these essays are of a patriotic nature. These exercises on Empire Day have proved most interesting. The chairman of the school board and the teachers have always co-operated with us in our endeavor to make Empire Day a day of deep meaning to our children and inspire them with ideals of patriotism and loyalty.

Our order is in no sense a philanthropic organization, its aims and objects being to stimulate the sentiment of patriotism and foster the bond of union among the women and children of our Empire. Notwithstanding the fact that we were not primarily organized for philanthropic and charitable work we have stepped beyond our province many times when our help was solicited for women and children in need. We have contributed to various societies and hospitals, furnishing completely a private room in the Alexandra hospital. We have also had the honor of presenting the colors to one of the first battalions, of our city, to leave for the front. Our chapter has also presented each of the public schools with a Union Jack and flag staff and have sent many country schools flags and patriotic pictures. These have been especially appreciated by the teachers in schools among the foreign population.

The principal method of obtaining funds to carry on this patriotic work has been a dramatic production every year in one of our theatres. This has entailed much labor but has been met with unvarying success. Since war began we have joined with all other chapters in the giving of personal service and financial help lifting the burden and brightening the way for the thousands of women and children dependents of the men who have gone to the front.

E. M. HYNDMAN, Secretary.

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Man places no value on a woman's opinion unless it coincides with his own.—Janey Canuck.

MISTANUSK CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. R. W. Cautley Regent
 Mrs. J. Hislop 1st Vice-Regent
 Mrs. J. J. Anderson 2nd Vice-Regent
 Mrs. Fred. H. Smith Secretary
 Mrs. Alex. Stewart Treasurer

Mde. Thibaudeau ... Standard Bearer
 Mrs. J. Landry Echoes' Secretary
 Mrs. G. B. Henwood, Mrs. Percy Hardisty, Mrs. Ambrose Dickins, Councillors.

MISTANUSK Chapter, I. O. D. E., was formed in January 1908. The original members were: Mrs. Percy Hardisty, Mrs. R. W. Cautley, Mrs. Swaistland, Mde. Thibaudeau, Mrs. Goldin Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Hislop, Mrs. J. J. Anderson, Mrs. Almon, Mrs. J. Biggar, Mrs. D. W. Macdonald, Mrs. Brunton, Mrs. Osborne, Miss Bouchier, Miss Kate Bouchier, Miss Eleanor Taylor, Miss Beck, Mrs. Caldren.



MRS. R. W. CAUTLEY

The membership has been increased from twenty to forty but as many of the members of the chapter have gone overseas to be near their husbands who are on active service, our list of working members has been temporarily reduced to twenty-five. This chapter has carried on patriotic and charitable work of all kinds since its formation and has held many successful entertainments of different natures and several rummage sales to raise money for these purposes. It has equipped and maintained a ward in the Royal Alexandra hospital and a ward in the Onoway hospital, the latter in memory of the late Mrs. W. A. R. Kerr, one of its regents. Flowers and gifts are sent to these hospitals at Christmas time

each year. The Victorian Order of Nurses is given an annual contribution.

Since the outbreak of the war this chapter has responded to many calls. It supports one prisoner of war and has contributed to the following objects: the Y. M. C. A. for work among the soldiers in Edmonton; The Soldiers' Club, Edmonton; The Edmonton I. O. D. E. Patriotic Office; The Maple Leaf Club, London, England; The Canadian National Branch of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society; The Duchess of Connaught's Prisoner of War Fund and the Hospital Ship appeal from the I. O. D. E.

The regents during the last eight years have been as follows: 1908, Mrs. Percy Hardisty; 1909, Mrs. R. W. Cautley; 1910, Mrs. J. Biggar; 1911, Mrs. J. Hislop; 1912, Mrs. J. Hislop; 1913, Mrs. W. A. R. Kerr; 1914, Mrs. A. H. Dickins; 1915, Mrs. R. W. Cautley; 1916, Mrs. R. W. Cautley.

KATE M. SMITH, Secretary.

KEOMI CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Geo. Gowan	Regent	Mrs. D. C. Thomson	Treasurer
Mrs. S. W. Dyde	1st Vice-Regent	Mrs. Alec. Norquay ..	Echoes Secretary
Mrs. J. M. Millar ..	2nd Vice-Regent	Mrs. Evan Greene ..	Standard Bearer
Mrs. E. T. Bishop	Secretary		

KEOMI Chapter, I. O. D. E., was organized in October, 1910, with thirteen members, a most unlucky number to begin with, one would say. Events, however, have proven that this superstition does not apply to this chapter, since the Keomi Chapter has had a successful career, and has now an active organization of twenty-six members.

The original members of the chapter were: Mrs. H. M. Tory, Mrs. Muir-Edwards, Mrs. Revell, Mrs. Harcourt, Mrs. Wilbur McIntyre, Mrs. James McCaig, Mrs. D. S. McKenzie, Mrs. A. Y. Blain, Mrs. David Bowman, Mrs. R. de l'Harwood, Mrs. Geo. Gowan, Mrs. Lehmann, and Mrs. E. T. Bishop.

The chapter is indebted to Mrs. Muir-Edwards, the regent for the first two years, for the name "Keomi." When the first chapters of the order were organized in Edmonton there were no marked historical happenings affecting us as at present, to suggest names, and names referring to western life were naturally chosen. Mrs. Muir-Edwards had the happy idea of writing to Mrs. O. C. Edwards, of Macleod, for an Indian name suggestive of our remoteness from the crowded centres of population, and the name "Keomi" was suggested, meaning "far off."

After Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Revell held the chair for two years, followed by Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Gowan. Keomi Chapter has not appeared before the public to any great extent in money-making ventures, and in consequence its bank account has usually been somewhat modest.

In 1912 it gave two musicales at the homes of Mrs. Blain and Mrs. Rutherford; in 1913 a dance at the home of Mrs. Gowan; in 1914 a dance at the Empire Auditorium; in 1915 it catered for the refreshments at the rinks for the Bonspiel, and in 1916 there were two lectures, one by Dr. Dyde, on Millet, and one by Dr. Evan Greene on his experiences while on active service. A tea was given by Mrs. Gowan for the benefit of the Soldiers' Club.

The first work undertaken by the Chapter was the presenting of a shield to the Edmonton Public School cadets for efficiency in drill, suitably engraved with the name of the winning corps. This shield was first presented in the year 1912, and has been presented to the winning school each year since.

In 1913 the chapter furnished a ward in the South Side Hospital. In 1915, at convocation, it presented a large British flag to the University of Alberta. The Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Bulyea, made the formal presentation.

In 1915 this chapter collected old kid gloves and forwarded them to the Ladies' Territorial Committee in London, England, for the purpose of being made into waistcoats for Italian soldiers.

Since the outbreak of the war part of the chapter has been meeting each week making comforts for the Royal Field Artillery, which are being forwarded to Lieutenant Dyde. At all times the members of Keomi Chapter have taken an active interest in the Local Council of Women and in the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E. In connection with the other chapters, Keomi Chapter has made numerous donations to various objects. The chapter is in a very flourishing condition.

THYRZA BISHOP, Secretary.

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ALBERTA'S INDIAN SUMMER

With wide, expanding splendour on the wold,
'Neath lucent blue of calm October skies,
O'er virgin prairies fraught with high emprise
Alberta's Indian summer doth unfold.
She, haply like King Midas famed of old,
Hath magic touch and with this sheen of gold
She paints a glorious world ere summer dies,
To thrill sad hearts and gladden all men's eyes.

—Elizabeth Bailey Price.

"Edmonton, this place of fascinations, where Cree, Christian and cowboy, trader and trapper, governor and judge, senator and soldier, engineer and explorer, priest, professor and pioneer, each is doing his best to build up a great city, high on the banks of the Saskatchewan. . . . It is good to live in these first days when the foundations of things are being laid, to be able now and then, to place a stone or carry the mortar and to set it good and true."—Janey Canuck.

WAUCHUSK CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. W. A. Deyl	Regent	Mrs. F. E. Howey	Secretary
Mrs. J. H. Jackson ..	1st Vice-Regent	Mrs. D. R. Stewart	Treasurer
Mrs. F. S. Watson ..	2nd Vice-Regent	Mrs. F. E. Marooney.	Standard Bearer

Motto: "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."



MRS. W. A. DEYL

WAUCHUSK Chapter, I. O. D. E., was the fourth chapter organized in Edmonton, on April 19th, 1910, with ten charter members and the following officers were elected: Regent, Mrs. W. A. Deyl; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. A. McCoppen; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. E. A. West; 3rd Vice-Regent Mrs. M. Brebaut; Secretary, Mrs. D. R. Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs. G. C. McKay; Standard Bearer, Mrs. W. G. Robinson.

At the organization of the Chapter it was decided to sew for the Children's Shelter, and that meetings be held twice monthly at the homes of the different members. Various ways of raising money were employed—monthly donations by members, teas and house parties—and this used to buy the materials for sewing. At Christmas of each year treats were given to the children. The total value of garments and donations to the Children's Shelter from the time the Chapter was organized until war was declared, was \$388.20. It was then decided to devote time to the families of the men who left for the front. A start was made in this direction by visiting the wives of the soldiers. One member alone visited over a hundred families. The work for the

coming year will be to sew and care for the orphans, of soldiers, who are now at the Day Nursery on 98th Street, (Fraser), and whose mothers have died since the outbreak of the war.

MARGARET HOWEY, Secretary.

ME-NA-HE-KO-SIS CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Harry Morgan ... Hon. Regent	Miss Marion Fife	Treasurer
Mrs. H. W. Morgan Regent	Miss Irma Blackett	Echoes Secretary
Mrs. Walter Gilpin .. 1st Vice-Regent	Miss Vera May	Standard Bearer
Mrs. Percy Page ... 2nd Vice-Regent	Mrs. Dick Hall	Councillor
Miss Helen Blackburn Secretary		

ME-NA-HE-KO-SIS Chapter, I.O.D.E., was formed on the 4th of February, 1914, with a charter membership of ten, Mrs. Harry Gowan being the first regent. The motto chosen was the Latin phrase, "Non Nobis Solum" (Not for ourselves alone.) Since the formation of this chapter the membership has increased to 34.

At the time of organization the chapter had not decided on any definite object to work for, merely giving help to any deserving cases which were brought to the attention of the members, but when war was declared in the following August, it devoted its energies to war work, organizing a Red Cross circle, visiting the wives of soldiers, and sending papers and magazines to the wounded in England.

Besides giving \$2.00 monthly to the Travellers' Aid of the Y.M.C.A. in the city and a donation of \$20.00 to the Returned Soldiers' Bureau, the chapter has been providing, during the past year, for two war prisoners in Germany and sending a monthly donation of \$5.00 for field comforts for the soldiers at the front. This field comfort money was derived from bridges given by the different members throughout last winter, \$107.00 being raised in this manner. A room was also equipped by the chapter in the Maple Leaf Club in London for the use of soldiers on short leave, and a donation of \$5.00 sent to the Duchess of Connaught War Prisoners Fund.

The amount of Red Cross work done during the past year consists of 3,402 pieces comprising pyjamas, service shirts, and all kinds of bandages and other articles. The circle meets every Wednesday afternoon and has an average attendance of ten.

For the coming Christmas \$10.00 has been donated to the Tobacco Fund of the Overseas Club; 28 lbs. of fruit cake; 300 small cakes and gum enough to fill 500 Christmas stockings, all being sent to the men in the trenches.

Through the kindness of the manager of the Empress theatre and the efforts of the members, the chapter was able to clear the sum of \$300.00 during the week of October 16th-21st inclusive. This money will be devoted to the soldiers and their needs, and the chapter sincerely hopes that its efforts will help a little in lessening the sufferings of the brave men who are fighting for "Right not Might."

HELEN BLACKBURN, Secretary.

FORT EDMONTON CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. W. J. Kelly	Regent	Mrs. W. T. Ash	Treasurer
Mrs. R. C. Chown	1st Vice-Regent	Mrs. F. C. Newlands	Standard Bearer
Mrs. A. E. Kempe	2nd Vice-Regent	Mrs. Ayearst, Mrs. Herbert Baker,	
Mrs. Geo. C. Clark	Secretary	Mrs. V. P. Hunt	Councillors
Mrs. M. S. Somers	Echo Secretary		

Motto: "Do the duty that lies nearest to thee!"

FORT EDMONTON Chapter, I.O.D.E., was organized September 21st, 1914. The chapter has endeavored to devote its time and funds entirely to patriotic needs. It has twenty-five members and meets once a month at the different homes.



MRS. W. J. KELLY

Members of the chapter have investigated applications for the Patriotic Fund Society and have visited about 175 families of the soldiers' dependents. This work has been under the supervision of the former regent, Mrs. W. J. Magrath, who has been most painstaking. Since the beginning of the war the chapter has raised \$358.65 in the following ways: A load of coal from the late Mr. Wm. Gibson; \$23.50 proceeds from a concert; \$187.00 proceeds from lecture given by Mr. Elmer Luck; \$15.20 recital by Prof. V. P. Hunt; \$20.35, concert given by Mr. Humphreys; \$14.95, lecture by Col. Craig and Lieut. White; \$62.30 proceeds of four teas given by the different members; \$5.00 donated by Mrs. Magrath.

It has donated the following: Box of clothing to relief of Belgians, valued at \$55.00; \$5.00 to help purchase a cow for a poor woman; Load

of coal to a poor family; \$2.00 per month during 1915 to Y.W.C.A.; \$1.00 per month to I.O.D.E. office; \$2.00 for stationery for soldiers at the front; \$25.00 to Soldiers' Club; \$80.00 to the St. John Ambulance Society; \$80.00 to the Red Cross Society; \$5.00 to the National Service Committee for relief of soldiers; \$5.00 to Y.M.C.A. for stationery for soldiers within barracks here; \$5.00 to the Victorian Order of Nurses; \$8.25 to the St. John Ambulance Society; \$10.00 to the Prisoners of War Fund.

It has also assisted with work at the I.O.D.E. office.

GRACE CLARK, Secretary.

DUCHESS OF UTHERLAND CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Walter Bissell	Regent	Mrs. C. C. Sutherland ... Treasurer
Mrs. Scott-Thompson, 1st Vice-Regent		Mrs. W. C. Stirling .. Standard Bearer
Mrs. A. E. Emery .. 2nd Vice-Regent		Mrs. Harvey Shaw.. Echoes Secretary
Mrs. C. P. Waste	Secretary	Mrs. J. M. Clindinin Councillor

GHIS chapter was organized in January, 1915, and the membership being limited to twenty, the number has always been small, but it feels that it has done something toward bearing the burden of these troublous times.

The treasury has been augmented by the proceeds of two very successful rummage sales, to the approximate amount of \$275.

It has contributed of its funds to the Red Cross Society, the St. John Ambulance Association, the Returned Soldiers' Bureau, the Soldiers' Club, the Travellers' Aid of the Y.W.C.A., and to the Victorian Order of Nurses. At the present time the chapter is seeking to make more endurable the lives of two of our Canadian boys who are prisoners of war in Germany. The chapter has taken its share of patriotic visiting to do, and has found in most cases that the calls have been welcome, and a feeling of friendship and helpfulness has been the result.

Much sewing has been done for the Red Cross by individual members, and, commencing with October, the chapter is holding, besides the regular meeting, one special meeting each month at which time is distributed a regular assignment of Red Cross work and a special tax of 30c per member is collected which goes into the treasury. There is on hand at this date \$122.28 which is held in readiness to respond to any urgent call for the relief or comfort of our brave soldiers.

Along with the exercises on the regular monthly meeting day, the chapter has had a literary program which has been not only most helpful and entertaining but has done much to foster a feeling of pride and patriotism, for the chapter has studied the history of Canada and especially that part which deals with western life.

Papers have been given on the early history of Edmonton; Father Lacombe; The Hudson's Bay Co.; The Royal North-West Mounted Police; Indians of the Northwest Territories; Sir Wm. Van Horne, and Sir Chas. M. Hayes and their connection with the two great transcontinental

railways; and How Canada is Governed. The coming year will be devoted to the study of Canadian writers, the opening paper being on Ralph Connor and R. W. Service, Canadian authors who are "doing their bit" at the front.

The response to roll call is given in the form of some bit of encouraging news concerning the war, and it is with a feeling of devout thankfulness that we realize that encouraging items are easier to find as time goes on; "While the batteries are roaring and the fellows on the firing steps are blazing at the foe."

ELDA BABBIT-WASTE, Secretary.

KING ALBERT CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Maurice Kimpe	Hon. Regent	Miss Grace Brown	Secretary
Mrs. Rathbone Smith	Regent	Mrs. H. H. Richards	Treasurer
Mrs. Frank B. Smith, 1st Vice-Regent		Mrs. James Ramsey	Standard Bearer
Mrs. J. M. Macdonald, 2nd Vice-Regent		Mrs. L. E. Drummond ..	Echoes Sec'y

Motto: "Union fait la force"

This, the national motto of Belgium is in keeping with the name chosen for this chapter.

HIS chapter was organized on January 20th, 1915, solely for the purpose of acting as enlisted volunteers for the Visiting and Relief Committee of the I.O.D.E. to assist in every way, help care for and advise the wives, families and dependents of soldiers. Several of the members have had on their list as many as thirteen families who looked to them for counsel in time of stress and in business matters but not alone was the work confined to this. The chapter assisted the local Red Cross Society by monthly subscriptions; subscribed also to the Travellers' Aid of the Y.W.C.A.; to the establishment and maintenance of the Soldiers' Club under the auspices of the I.O.D.E.; to the Y.M.C.A. to assist it in its work during the winter, among the battalions quartered here; to the maintenance of the I.O.D.E. office; to the Victorian Order of Nurses; and to the Returned Soldiers' Bureau; also, this chapter contributed liberally towards the equipment of the I.O.D.E. annex to the Maple Leaf Club in London, established for the accommodation of Canadian soldiers on short leave from the front. Then, too, this chapter by volunteer subscription maintains a towel cabinet and rack for the convenience of the staff in the Patriotic Fund office.

As to the ways and means of raising funds for the treasury: (1) by volunteer monthly collections from the members of the chapter; (2) in the form of entertainment, as bridges, teas, sale of home cooking, jam shower, and lecture by Mr. Rustom Rustomjee, a Hindu on "India and the War."

Much praise is due the 2nd Vice Regent, Mrs. J. M. Macdonald, who has given so willingly and unselfishly at all times assisting Mrs. W. D.

Ferris in the Patriotic rooms. Also one of the members, Miss Finn has won distinction, recently, in being gazetted a lieutenant for work well done as assistant of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission at Shorncliffe.

There have been fourteen regular and two special meetings and as yet this chapter has not completed its second year of patriotic work but hopes as long as the war lasts and after its termination to be able to do good work enlarging somewhat on its aim outlined above.

ELIZABETH H. MASON, Secretary, (pro tem).

LLOYD GEORGE CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. W. B. Poucher	Regent	Mrs. Robert Lee	Treasurer
Mrs. G. S. Armstrong, 1st Vice-Regent		Mrs. Robt. Bradburn	Standard Bearer
Mrs. John Kelly ...	2nd Vice-Regent	Mrs. Eustace Cope..	Echoes Secretary
Mrs. H. Darling	Secretary		

LLOYD George Chapter, I. O. D. E., was organized February 3, 1915, Mrs. E. B. Cogswell was secretary but was obliged to resign at the end of the first year and Mrs. H. Darling was appointed to fill the vacancy.

During 1915 \$332.45 was raised and apportioned to the Red Cross; St. John Ambulance; the Soldiers' Club; the Travellers' Aid; and Patriotic Office.

Early in 1916 the chapter undertook the task of equipping a band for the 202nd Sportsmen's Battalion, C. E. F., and is pleased to report having raised \$1,841.50, which secured a most admirable set of instruments which were formally presented to the battalion before its departure for Sarcee Camp.

Contributions have also been made this year to the Maple Leaf Club, London; the local military Y.M.C.A.; Travellers' Aid; and Patriotic Office as before.

Apart from financial efforts, members of the chapter have visited soldiers' families and worked continuously for Red Cross and St. John Ambulance societies.

The chapter now numbers thirty-six, many of whom have members of their immediate families serving in the overseas forces, so that the chapter has given to the nation's need not only labor and money, but an infinitely greater sacrifice, husbands and sons.

LAURA DARLING, Secretary.

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It is such an easy matter to be kept so busy censuring the shortcomings of the "other fellow" that there is no time left to turn the searchlight of criticism in our own direction. This must be one of the reasons why we overlook the fact that we do pretty much the same things for which we condemn others.

Evelyn Gowan Murphy.

GENERAL JOFFRE CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. H. N. Lane	Regent	Miss Forin	Treasurer
Mrs. C. G. Scarth ..	1st Vice-Regent	Mrs. Nash	Standard Bearer
Mrs. Ken. Bowman, 2nd	Vice-Regent	Mrs. James Collins ..	Echoes Secretary
Mrs. R. A. Robertson	Secretary		

Motto: Where Honor and Glory Lead

GENERAL Joffre Chapter, I. O. D. E., was organized June 4th 1915 with a membership of fifteen which has since been increased to twenty-six. Thirteen regular meetings and two special meetings have been held.

Members of this chapter have been visiting the families of the soldiers' dependents for the Patriotic Fund and also working for the Red Cross Society. A silver collection for the Red Cross has been taken at each meeting.

On July 15th, 1915, a bridge and dance was given at the Macdonald hotel, realizing for the chapter \$144.00.

On January 14th, 1916, a cafe chantant and dance was given at the Macdonald hotel, realizing \$72.50 and on October 13th, 1916, a rummage sale was held, realizing \$114.00.

The following calls have been responded to since its organization: \$12.00 towards the maintenance of the Patriotic Office; \$4.00 per month for two prisoners of war in Germany; \$12.00 to the Travellers' Aid department of the Y.W.C.A.; \$25.00 to the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society; \$25.00 to the Queen's Canadian Hospital at Shorncliffe; \$5.00 to the Trafalgar Day fund; \$2.00 to the Cliveden Hospital in France; \$25.00 to the Soldiers' Club; \$5.00 to the Maple Leaf Club Annex; \$5.00 to the lending fund of the Returned Soldiers' Bureau; \$12.00 to the Victorian Order of Nurses; \$10.00 to the Overseas Club Tobacco Fund; \$5.00 to the Duchess of Connaught Prisoners of War Fund; \$5.00 per month to the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

ISABEL M. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

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LEGEND OF CHINOOK

One cold winter's day in the foothills of the Rockies, where lived an Indian tribe, a beautiful maiden named Chinook wandered away and became lost in the mountains. Vainly the bravest warriors searched for her, but she was never seen again. Then a warm summer wind came over the mountains and the snow melted like magic and the air became as balmy and warm as that on a summer's day. Wonderingly the braves gazed at one another and they whispered, "It is Chinook's breath." And now when the sun sets in a golden arch of pebbled cloud, it is a herald that on the following day Chinook's breath will come again and the day will be warm.—Elizabeth Bailey Price.

BRITISH NAVY CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Orlando Bush	Regent	Mrs. F. W. Crang ..	Standard Bearer
Mrs. J. R. Lavell	1st Vice-Regent	Mrs. H. F. McKee ..	Echo Secretary
Mrs. E. McGugan	2nd Vice-Regent	Mrs. Reese Burns, Mrs.	Geo. Mc-
Mrs. G. A. McKee	Secretary	Kay	Councillors

Mrs. Jos. J. Duggan Treasurer

Motto: "For King and Empire"

THE second year of the existence of this chapter finds the members enthusiastically carrying on the work for which it came into existence, namely, war work and the raising of funds for patriotic purposes.



MRS. O. BUSH

The chapter has only fifteen members but holds the regular monthly meeting. It also meets for Red Cross sewing every Monday throughout the year, the members even making bandages while on their vacations. Garments numbering 650 have been made and returned to headquarters. The members visit soldiers' wives when necessary; assisted in collecting Red Cross funds; and are ready to help in any capacity possible during the war.

Some of the members are constantly assisting other chapters by singing or reciting at concerts, musicales, etc. As this is essentially a war chapter, it has, as yet, had no time to undertake any educational work, the sewing, knitting and raising of funds having fully occupied its time.

Money was raised by selling carnations and roses on the streets for Mothers' Day; by collecting on a human calendar scheme; by making

and selling knitting needle shields; and by charging the members 10 cents for their "tea" at the monthly meetings.

Contributions have been made to the Red Cross Funds; to the Y.M.C.A. soldiers' tent at Edmonton barracks; to the South Side Travellers' Aid; to the Maple Leaf Soldiers' Club Annex, London, England; to the furnishing of an Edmonton Soldiers' Club; to the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund; to the Duchess of Connaught Prisoners of War Fund.

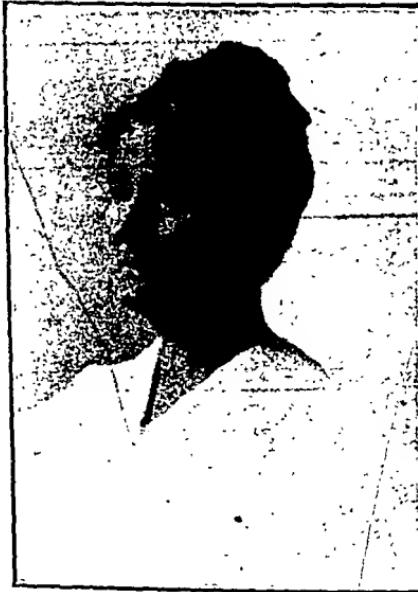
MARGARET H. MCKEE, Secretary.

EMILY C. WILSON CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Frank Christie	Regent	Mrs. F. Griffith	Treasurer
Mrs. W. T. Henry ...	1st Vice-Regent	Mrs. Chinneck	Standard Bearer
Mrs. F. Osborne ...	2nd Vice-Regent	Mrs. F. Newsom ...	Echoes Secretary
Miss Bertha M. Battrick .. Secretary			

GHE Emily C. Wilson Chapter, I.O.D.E., was organized on February 18th, 1916, with twelve charter members. The name borne by this chapter was selected as a tribute to Mrs. H. C. Wilson, who has so long been active in this work in the city and who was the first regent of the first chapter organized west of the Great Lakes.



MRS. FRANK CHRISTIE.

During the eight months of its existence the members of this chapter have done a good deal of visiting among the wives of soldiers, and have made and presented a silk flag to the University of Alberta company of the 196th Battalion.

The chapter is at present making arrangements for a rummage sale, the proceeds to go to the Prisoners of War Bread Fund.

BERTHA M. BATTRICK, Secretary.

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CONSUMERS' LEAGUE OF EDMONTON

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Mrs. R. G. Brett, Honorary President	Mrs. R. B. Wells	Treasurer
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Mrs. A. N. Mouat	Mrs. Edwin Denby	Cor. Secretary
Mrs. Wm. Short ..	Mesdames Grant, Depew, Scott-	
Mrs. A. F. Ewing, 3rd Vice-President	Thompson, Laidlaw, Christie, Dunlop,	
Mrs. A. L. Burt	Norquay and Duggan, Councillors.	
Mrs. W. W. Hutton .. Ass't Secretary		

HE Consumers' League of Edmonton was organized May 8, 1914, Mrs. A. N. Mouat being elected president. So many avenues of work opened up before the executive that they felt they could not undertake all at the outset. It was decided that the first efforts be directed to the improving of the market and to the keeping of a close



MRS. A. N. MOUAT

watch on the quality and prices of foods generally. To this end a circular letter was written to all farmers within a radius of 20 miles of the city urging them to grow vegetables and to bring them to the market in an inviting condition.

Standing committees were formed for the supervision of the market, milk, meat, fruit, vegetables, etc. It instituted a crusade against the overcharging for, and underweighing of foods. The members of the executive weighed bread, meat, etc., as it was delivered to their homes and reported all shortages. The bakers and merchants were then advised of the shortage; this materially aided in maintaining correct weights. At the league's request a new bread bylaw was also enacted by council.

The club worked hard to try and popularize the new City Market; but on account of its position—so far removed from the centre of the city—this was found impossible; it then set to work to induce the council to again meet the farmer on the Rice street square which is very central. The efforts were successful, and there is now a live market in the centre of the city.

A "Made-in-Edmonton" exhibition was held in April, 1915, running for five days and evenings. Nearly all the manufacturers exhibited, and the displays were all of the highest order, and the building thronged with spectators.



MRS. R. J. RUSSELL

Frequent tests of milk sold by the dairies have been made and the results show that the quality of milk required by our city bylaws is rather low. The members of the League have been the guests of some of our large manufacturers at demonstrations of their products in their factories. It lent its support to the establishment of a public abattoir, hoping that it would lessen the chances of diseased meat being sold, and this has proven a success. By writing to cities east and west, the League studied the comparison of prices of milk, bread, and ice, also the bylaws governing the sale of these, and it found that prices in Edmonton compared very favorably with other cities. One question that came up early in our discussions was the standardizing of all weights and measures. This the federal government has now done, and it is hoped it will soon be enforced.

In November of 1915 the first annual meeting was held, and the work resumed may be considered under the following heads: first, the creating

of an intelligent public; second, the investigation through standing committees of market, coal, flour, milk, weights, etc.; third, the encouragement of economy; and fourth, the patronizing and exploiting of home manufactures.

In the first instance, a publicity space was engaged in the two local papers for a couple of months, and in turn the various bylaws regulating the sale of food were discussed in order that every housewife might become familiar with the same. The aim was to have the housewives of Edmonton measure up to an efficient standard, to know exactly what they required and to realize that it was their duty to insist on getting what they paid for.

Interest was also aroused by addresses on such topics as "The School Girl and Economics," "The Servant Problem," and "The Gospel of Thrift." These meetings, held in the dining room of the Macdonald hotel were crowded with interested housewives. The president always emphasized the need for organization and over three hundred and sixty women paid their membership fee of twenty-five cents to The Consumers' League this year.

The committee is now arranging the annual meeting at which the president of the Calgary league will speak. Edmonton representatives are to visit Calgary later.

Ten dollars was given by the league for prizes in the Domestic Manufacturers department at the Edmonton Exhibition. The manager of the Exhibition has invited the president of the League to appoint a committee to revise the prize list in regard to the housewives' department. These details show that the people are becoming interested in The Consumers' League.

Standing committees have been on the alert regarding the market, coal, meat, bread, and all household commodities along with shortage in weight. The market committee has been active the whole year, trying to have a suitable downtown market erected. The League has viewed the plans and specifications for the same, having the assurance of the city council that the building will be erected before the year is out. The food inspector now asks the papers to publish the names of offenders, charged with selling short-weight bread.

The Consumers' League emphasizes and encourages economy. A resolution sent to the Local Council of Women has gone out on its agenda, urging the utmost economy in consumption and the need of a campaign for thrift and economy. It is hoped that the sixty odd societies of Edmonton will realize this opportune call and give over one of its meetings to this subject and help to make the movement widespread.

The Edmonton Public Library has kindly lent co-operation by publishing a list of practical economic works, invaluable to the housewife, aiming to become more efficient. At the present time, the library board is considering the question of subscribing to certain housewives' magazines.

To exploit and encourage home industry and to emphasize the quality and variety of goods made in Edmonton, a practical demonstration and sale of the same was held in the Empire Auditorium from Sept. 26th to 29th inclusive. This demonstration was opened with a board of trade luncheon, every item on the menu being a product of Edmonton. An arrangement was made with two of our local milling companies with the result that nearly four tons of flour found its way into the homes of Edmonton housewives. A new toy manufacturer, displaying his wares, sold his entire stock and took all possible orders for Christmas delivery. The other manufacturers became better acquainted with their patrons, with a stronger feeling of mutual responsibility and loyalty as the outcome.

The Consumers' League of Edmonton is being recognized as a necessary factor in the welfare of the community.

STELLA E. RUSSELL, President.

LADIES' AID OF WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. N. B. Zinkan Hon. President
 Mrs. A. T. Cushing President
 Mrs. H. R. Smith 1st Vice-President
 Mrs. J. E. Bible 2nd Vice-President
 Mrs. W. A. Scanlon Secretary
 Mrs. D. Dean Treasurer

CONVENORS OF COMMITTEES
 Mrs. J. G. Entwhistle
 Mrs. W. Bowling
 Mrs. T. W. Martin
 Mrs. W. Lyne
 Mrs. J. H. Shotton
 Mrs. G. W. Paxton

AS its name implies, this society is composed of the ladies of the church and has a present membership of fifty-two. It has for its objects the furnishing of the parsonage; the calling upon new comers and sick members of the congregation and the assisting in the financial interests of the church. In addition to its strictly congregational activities it has extended its interests by recently becoming affiliated with the Local Council of Women, and by undertaking Red Cross work.

The society meets monthly and has a regular income from a small monthly membership fee, and in the past year has added very materially to its funds by a concert given by the Toronto Male Quartette, the serving of lunches at the Exhibition, and a rummage sale. It has recently pledged a contribution to the church funds of over two hundred dollars and already this amount has been provided for.

A spirit of sociability among the ladies of the congregation has been developed by the aid of a few afternoon teas at the church to which the new comers have been especially made welcome.

As a result of the harmonious and united effort of the individual members the society is growing in interest and influence and constitutes an important department in the church's work.

NINA SCANLON, Secretary.

EDMONTON DIOCESAN BOARD

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Gray	Honorary President	Miss K. H. Candy. Senior Girls' Sec'y
Mrs. W. J. Melrose	President	Mrs. Phillips
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Mrs. W. G. Boyd	Vice-President	Mrs. A. E. Hopkins. Leaflet Secretary
Mrs. K. Forbes-Reid	Cor. Secretary	Mrs. Hunter Gowan, Literature Sec'y
Mrs. Frank Osborne	Rec. Secretary	Mrs. R. P. Gamon..E.C.D. Secretary
Mrs. A. A. Pinckney	Treasurer	Mrs. R. J. Hartley..Indian Secretary
Mrs. P. Seager	Dorcas Secretary	Mrs. Maddox
		U.T.O. Secretary

THE Woman's Auxiliary, generally known as the "W. A." is the official society for the women of the Church of England in Canada and was started in April, 1886, by six women in eastern Canada and now has a membership of over 56,000.

The Edmonton Diocesan Board was organized December 17th, 1913, by Mrs. Bernard, president of the Calgary Diocesan Board, acting under instructions from Mrs. Patterson-Hall, the general president, when 66 delegates and life members, representing 23 city and out-of-town branches gathered in All Saints school room.

The objects of the society are: to pray for Missions; to awaken Missionary zeal; to diffuse Missionary information and to raise money for Missionary objects.

The Edmonton Diocesan Board, through the branches forming this board, helps in the general missionary work of the Church of England in Canada and the Canadian foreign fields; supports a teacher on the Sarcee reserve, near Calgary; helps in the outfitting of children in the Indian schools in the dioceses of Athabasca and Mackenzie River; supports two Indian children in Canada; provides the upkeep for four beds in the Canadian Hospital, Honan, China; helps the kindergarten work in Nagoya, Japan and gives help in the way of furnishings, communion linen and vessels to the parish churches in the diocese of Edmonton. Last year this W.A. had the privilege of doing their bit for their brothers in the trenches by presenting two sets of communion vessels, one to the Rev. Mr. Ball, chaplain of the 49th Battalion, one to the Rev. J. W. MacDonald, chaplain of the 66th Battalion, and a private pocket set to the Rev. W. H. Davis, chaplain of the 138th Battalion.

The W.A. includes Women's, Senior Girls', Junior Girls', and Baby Branches thus uniting in one efficient effort all scattered energies.

Last year there were 631 adults, 201 juniors, and 231 babies enrolled, and \$1,631.00 passed through the hands of the diocesan treasurer.

There is a diocesan library of 70 books on missionary subjects and 341 copies of "The Leaflet," the W.A. monthly organ, are taken.

Miss Florence Martyn, a recent graduate of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, is now completing her training in the Rotunda Lying-In Hospital, Dublin, preparatory to going to the Canadian field in India as Edmonton W. A.'s first representative in the foreign mission field.

C. E. MELROSE, President.

ST. ANTHONY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. O. J. Boucher....Hon. President Mrs. D. Bard.....Secretary
Mrs. Jas. Quinlan.....President Miss J. Boland.....Treasurer

GHE society was organized by Rev. Father Tosquinet, in September 1914. The aim of the society is to provide clothing for the poor of the parish, and to relieve other necessitous cases which might arise later. Each member is asked to bring to the notice of the committee any case of necessity which may be known to her. The committee may also help any case brought to its notice by the clergy, or by the society of St. Vincent de Paul. Clothing may be supplied at cost price to those who are in need but wish to pay. The society is governed by a Father director, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and two councillors.



MRS. O. J. BOUCHER

The first meeting was held September 27th, 1914, the pastor, Rev. Father Tosquinet, being director. The president chosen was Mrs. O. J. Boucher; Mrs. J. J. Duggan, vice-president; Mrs. H. B. Dawson, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Jas. Quinlan, secretary; Mrs. E. Winkel, treasurer; Mrs. E. McGuiness and Mrs. H. Bender, councillors. At this meeting it was found necessary to hold a sewing circle every Wednesday on account of urgent need of clothing and bedding. The work done by the guild was principally remodelling clothing sent in by friends, the making of comforters, and of children's clothing. The number of members for the year was forty-nine.

The annual report for the year 1914-1915 is as follows: garments given by friends, 500; new garments made by members, 150; number of parcels given out, 200; persons relieved, adults 123, boys 72, girls 78; goods purchased and given to the poor, suits of underwear 240, pairs of stockings 216, pairs of new shoes 18; goods for comforters 45 yards and 18 yards of dress goods. The guild made and gave out eight comforters, and outfitted five infants, and looked after the comforts of the mothers. Owing to the generous donations of flour and provisions, the guild was able to give twenty-eight boxes of Christmas cheer, and in these were many gifts for the children.

The receipts for the year were as follows: membership fees, \$32.00; socials and entertainments, \$69.50; church collections, \$43.80; donations, \$87.75.

On September the 29th, 1915, the second election of officers took place. Mrs. Jas. Quinlan was elected president; Mrs. Mercier, 1st vice-president; Mrs. E. Wankel, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. D. Bard, secretary; Miss J. Boland, treasurer. The different committees were chosen: buying, working, and visiting committees. Although the membership was not as large as the previous year, much good work was accomplished; the sewing circle meeting each week as usual. Funds to carry on the good work were raised as during the previous year. Donations of food were sent to the church hall on December 22nd, and fourteen boxes of Christmas cheer were made up. Special mention should be made of the St. Anthony's school children, besides a silver collection the higher grades donated sewing, toys, books, and games. The junior classes, with their teacher's help gave a concert and donated the proceeds.

The following is a condensed report of the year's work up to date: suits of underwear bought, 48; pairs of stockings bought, 72; sweaters bought, 24; pairs of boots bought, 6; toques bought, 24; dress goods made into garments, 30 yards; flannelette bought and made into garments, 70 yards; number of quilts made and given out, 9 four of which were made by the school children; number of boxes of Christmas cheer, 14; families helped, 20; children helped, 53; adults helped, 35; parcels sent out, 105; number of garments made, 50.

It is a great pleasure to thank all who gave so devotedly of their time and sustenance in order to relieve the poor. May God reward them and continue to bless their efforts!

ELLA BARD, Secretary.

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How many great men have laid tribute at a mother's knee for all they have been and achieved! It is perhaps somewhat more unusual to hear a woman declaim along these lines; are they not more apt to accept their special qualifications as a gift direct from heaven.

—May L. Armitage.

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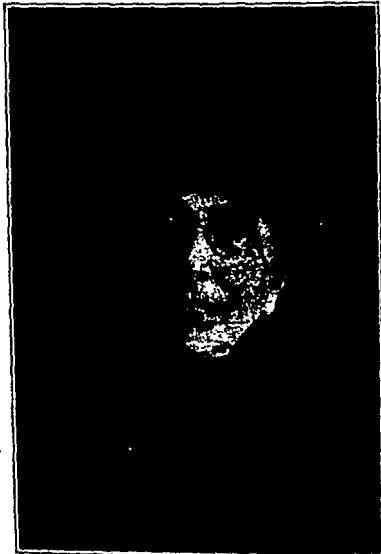
—Janey Canuck.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Josephine H. Desilets..President	Mrs. Grace M. Stiles.....Treasurer
Mrs. W. H. Alexander..Vice-President	Mrs. David Bell.....
Mrs. W. R. Howey.....Secretary	Chairman Cheerful Letters

 WHEN the alliance was organized about four years ago, its prime object was to act as a prop to the little Unitarian church organization then being started. Of the four officers then elected two are yet at the helm. The beginning was small and the growth was slow but when the church was opened two years ago, (which, by the way, is only the basement), the alliance was ready to furnish it, and during the present year it has retinted and revarnished the interior, also bought fifty copies of the new hymn and tune books



MRS. A. DESILETS

with services. Every alliance woman appreciates the gift of the franchise and they held a successful and instructive women's meeting in the banquet room of the Macdonald, when it was addressed by Mr. Gerald V. Pelton, on the subject, "Proportional Representation." They also held a patriotic meeting in the Empress theatre when Mr. C. S. Stevens lectured on "Canada, a Nation Within the Empire." Mrs. Nellie McClung spoke also, and the chair was taken by Lieut.-Gov. Brett. The collection of \$62.80 was given to the Returned Soldiers' Fund. Owing to the widely scattered membership the Red Cross circle was not

formed until the January 1916 appeal for more workers. The result of the first eight months' work is 2,800 finished articles, besides 30 pairs of sox, divided between the Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Association. The circle also has charge of the Red Cross bandage room one-half day each week. The circle convenor, Mrs. J. W. Adair, had charge of the garment sewing at the South Side drive and altogether the circle contributed seventeen whole days' work. It has entered heartily into the activities of all patriotic movements, to enumerate is impossible.

The final aim of the membership is to fulfill the cherished desire of the beloved Miss Anna M. Bancroft, president of the Alliance of Unitarian and other liberal Christian women: "To fill their own special niche in their own grandest manner."

JOSEPHINE H. DESILETS, President.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Robert Kneil	President	Mrs. A. Hawkins	Treasurer
Mrs. J. J. Duggan, 1st Vice-President		Mrs. H. D. Thompson	Secretary
Mde. C. E. Barry, 2nd Vice-President		Miss McGrath ...	Assistant Secretary

THE league was first organized in England; its purpose is to unite Catholic women in a bond of common fellowship for the promotion of religious, charitable, intellectual and social work. Its line of the work is to afford a home, with pleasant surroundings and good influences for business girls whose homes are not in the city.

Miss Kathrine Hughes, organized the local branch four years ago. An office was secured, and an employment bureau opened. The success of this undertaking was so encouraging that the league then leased a residence, to be used as a hostel for business girls. A good matron was in charge, and much useful work was accomplished among the girls, both resident and transient. The hostel being close to the business centre, many took advantage of the lunch served for 25 cents.

Much credit is due to the first officers and active members of the league, who persevered under many difficulties to establish this good work.

A year ago, it became evident that, if the work was to be kept up to the demand, a much larger building would have to be secured. It was also decided to give the supervision to a community of sisters. The league leased the building now occupied and known as Rosary Hall, which comfortably accommodates twenty-five girls. It was taxed to its full capacity at Easter, the Teachers' Convention and summer vacations. The sisters aim at making this institution as homelike as possible for the girls. The reception rooms are at their disposal where they entertain their friends.

Rosary Hall is maintained by the revenues from board and rooms, membership fees of the league, sale of shamrocks on March 17th, refreshment booth at the Exhibition, and silver teas, the city paying light, water and telephone.

The league is sincerely grateful to His Grace, Archbishop Legal, Rev. Father Grandin, O.M.I., and all the Catholic clergy of the city for their support and encouragement of this work, and to many of the laity who sent donations at the opening of Rosary Hall.

The league is also indebted to Rev. Father Jan, O.M.I., who so ably assisted in increasing the membership, and through whose influence the Sisters of Providence took over the supervision. The Rev. Father continues to take a great interest in the welfare of this institution.

The work accomplished in the last eight months could not be done were it not that the Sisters give their time gratuitously.

Arrangements are now being made to have a summer residence at one of the lakes, also for sewing classes.

The other good works of the league were: donations to charitable institutions; calling on girls in cafes, hotels and laundries and having social evenings for them; breakfasts for soldiers; writing and sending papers to soldiers at the front; visiting hospitals; securing employment for girls and women; and Red Cross work.

Number of girls received since January 1st, 1916, 146; number in residence at present, 18; transients, 97; meals served, 9,865; meals served free, 554; number of days' work procured for women, 426.

Treasurer's report: Receipts, balance on hand October, 1915, \$666.81; cash taken in, \$2,922.98; total \$3,589.79. Expenditures, paid out \$3,353.54 balance on hand, \$236.25.

SARAH W. THOMPSON, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN METHODIST CHURCH LADIES' AID

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

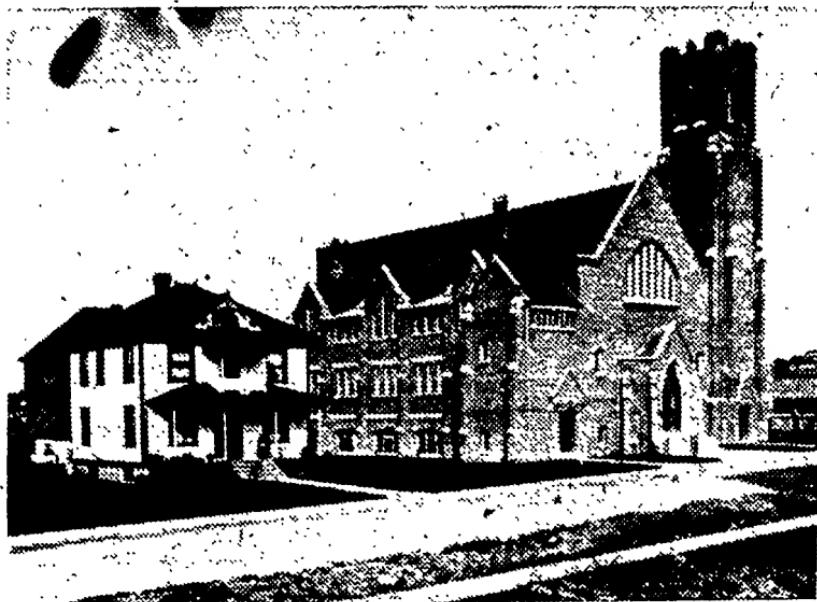
Mrs. Edmond Racey	President	Mrs. W. Tuttle	Treasurer
Miss H. Sproule	Secretary	(For eight years)	
(For eleven years)			

GHE ladies of the then so-called South Edmonton Methodist Church were called together by the pastor, Reverend H. E. Goodwin, Tuesday, October 8, 1895, for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Aid Society, which was accomplished with Mrs. A. W. Tall, now of Irma, in the chair. There were fifteen charter members of whom there are nine still living, although scattered. Two are still associated with the society in Metropolitan church.

Its object was: To use its best interest for the spiritual and financial welfare of the church.

During the following years, with their ups and downs, the society finds itself stronger in every way. Today it has sixty real earnest, energetic women working in the Ladies' Aid.

The first duty is in keeping the parsonage in good repair. During the

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past year \$450.00 has passed through the treasury, of this \$200.00 was given to the trustee board of the church.

Of the earnings one-tenth is given to the Dorcas Society branch of the Aid, which was organized last year. This goes to assist any poor of the church. Last year there were 27 calls made and the following provisions distributed: 3 bags of flour; 3 bags of potatoes; 3 bags of rolled oats; 3 pounds of butter; 3 pounds of tea; 4 jars of fruit and several cans of jam, besides 40 articles of clothing; 13 pairs sox and 5 pairs shoes. 3 parcels were shipped to homesteaders containing 77 garments and any other philanthropies, such as the Social Service Home to which was given a bolt of 40 yards of flannelette also a fruit and vegetable shower.

The Aid has a Flower Secretary whose duty it is to see that the sick are cheered through the medium of flowers.

The Red Cross circle of the Aid meets every Tuesday of the month, and has done so since its inception in 1915. Prior to this, members had been working individually. 5,707 articles have been made.

HESTER SPROULE, Secretary.

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In spite of the testimony of many reputable women that they have been able to vote and get dinner on the same day there still exists a strong belief that the whole household machinery goes out of order when a woman goes to vote. No person denies a woman the right to go to church, and yet the church service takes a great deal more time than voting.—Nellie McClung.

EDMONTON BRANCH OF THE CANADIAN WOMEN'S PRESS CLUB

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. Reginald Smith	President
Miss Maud McKenney	Vice-President
Miss Edna Kells	Secretary Treasurer

THROUGH the eight years' existence of the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club has run a thread of many changes. Such is the disposition of "writer folk" that they are ever following the golden lure of opportunity which makes not for a permanency in club life. When the Edmonton branch was organized in 1908, the officers were Mrs. R. W. Cautley, President; Mrs. Balmer Watt, Vice-President; Miss Katherine Hughes, Secretary Treasurer.



MRS. REGINALD SMITH

The club has been fortunate in having, for some of its members, women whose work has brought them national recognition, such as Mrs. Arthur Murphy and Mrs. Nellie McClung. Mrs. Murphy's recent appointment to the position of magistrate, the first such appointment to be made in Canada, her decoration as Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, have been matters of congratulation, as well as her appointment to convenor of the Committee on Peace and Arbitration of the National Council of Women.

Mrs. McClung's great activity and influence along the lines of suffrage and prohibition have made her an enviable acquisition to local

club circles and the Press Club was not slow in according her the rightful mead of honor due when the franchise bill and prohibition act were passed in the Alberta legislature. Mrs. McClung has lectured east and west, and was invited to the United States, in October, 1916, to address the Federation of Women's Clubs in New York City, and important gatherings in some of the other states.

The C. W. P. C. Triennial held in Edmonton, June, 1913, brought the press women and authors from all over Canada to the city and the Edmonton club received the heartiest co-operation from the city council, the railways, the newspapers, and the Canadian Club, in entertaining their literary guests. Delightful trips were made in the special trains furnished by the railways to what was then "end of steel" on the G. T. P. and to Banff and Laggan on the C. P. R. Three members of the Edmonton club were placed on the Dominion executive at the time of the Triennial, Mrs. Murphy, president, Mrs. Ambrose Dickins, secretary, and Mrs. Reginald Smith, honorary treasurer.

The use of a beautifully situated room in the Civic Block was given the Press Club by the city in 1914 for their local and dominion executive meetings. The members have always been exceedingly glad to welcome the women of the different organizations to their room, and numerous meetings for the discussion of civic matters have been held, in an endeavor to assist in forming public opinion.

Such matters as the Tax Sale, the Hydro-Electric agreement, the broad question of Municipal Ownership, have been thrashed out pro and con by able speakers in the club room this last year, and we venture to say that when the time came to vote the women present exercised their franchise more thoughtfully than they otherwise would have done.

The Press Club was delighted to feel that the action of the city in lowering the street car steps, this fall, was directly due to the interest their campaign, with regard to remedying the evil, had aroused both through newspaper publicity and in getting the co-operation of the different women's organizations.

Through the intervening years not the least pleasant part of the Press Club's activities has been the entertaining of distinguished visitors who have passed through Edmonton. Among these may be mentioned: the late Agnes Deans Cameron, author and lecturer; Agnes Laut, writer; the late Si Warman, poet and railroad man; the late Edward Terry, actor; Gertrude Seton-Thompson, writer; Mrs. Harold Bayly, and Miss Pullen-Burry, authors, London, England; Hon. Caroline Grosvenor, Victoria League, London, England; Lady Louise Stuart Wortley, London, England; C. J. Chambers, Montreal; Mrs. Florence R. Wade, Calgary; Mrs. Charles Constantine, Kingston; Mrs. Annie Anderson Perry, Winnipeg; F. E. Trautman, press representative, Winnipeg; Mrs. John McNaughton, Saskatoon; Miss May S. Clendenan, Farmers' Advocate, Winnipeg; Miss Zella Richardson, Cedarvale, B. C.; Mrs. Charlotte Crawford, Peace River; Miss E. Cora Hind, Commercial Editor, Winnipeg Free Press; Mrs. Fairburn, Toronto; George Ham, C. P. R., (honorary member C. W. P. C.); Mrs. Ethel Cody Stoddart, ("Lady Van") Vancouver Sun-

set; Mrs. Harold Riley, Calgary; David Bispham, singer, London, England; Mrs. Seaman, (Jennie Allen Moore), Port Arthur; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, New York; Mrs. Jean Blewett, poetess, Toronto; Miss Beatrice Naysmith, Alberta Agencies General, London, England; Miss Enid Banks, special correspondent 'Ladies' Pictorial, London, England; Mrs. Elena Toms, Scottish Women's Hospitals, Glasgow; Miss Francis Beynon, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg; Miss Katherine Stinson, aviatrix; Lieutenant Mona Brunton; Mrs. Bert Cummings, Minneapolis.

As its part in patriotic work the Press Club sent monthly letters to the Alberta soldiers at the front, containing news items and messages of cheer from all over the province. When the battalions were broken up and this was found impracticable, printed wrappers for sending papers to the different hospitals and regiments at the front were gotten out, to the number of 5,000, and these are still in course of distribution.

The membership of the club is necessarily small as the qualifications for good standing call for active work along newspaper, magazine, or other literary lines. But the happy bond of "work" draws the members very close together, and when the hour of relaxation comes, many are the enjoyable tea parties at the press club round table.

MAY L. ARMITAGE SMITH,
President.

LADIES AUXILIARY ORDER OF RAILWAY CONDUCTORS



OFFICERS FOR 1916:

Mrs. J. H. Culp President
 Mrs. R. M. Halpenny Vice-President
 Mrs. M. A. Manford Sec.-Treasurer
 Mrs. J. L. Larson Senior Sister
 Mrs. F. S. Waite Junior Sister
 Mrs. E. A. Reader Guard
 Mrs. D. R. Sutherland—
 Chairman Executive Committee
 Mrs. T. W. Young—
 1st member of Executive Committee
 Mrs. T. W. Meters—
 2nd member of Executive Com.

Mrs. C. F. Bachelder Cor. Sec.
 Mrs. D. R. McCoombs Musician
 Mrs. J. H. Culp Insurance Secretary

LINK OFFICERS

Mrs. C. Ferguson
 Mrs. J. S. Findlay
 Mrs. W. Wyman
 Mrs. A. J. Vallie
 Mrs. E. A. Reader—
 Delegate to Local Council of Women
 Mrs. E. A. Reeder—

SUNSET Division, Number 321, Ladies Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors of America, was organized in Edmonton, April 14th, 1915, by Mrs. C. F. Bachelder, first district deputy, appointed in 1907 and a member of the order since 1894, with twenty-

four charter members. This division is a subordinate division of the grand division that was organized in June 4th, 1889, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At the present time there are 340 subordinate divisions in United States and Canada with a total membership of 10,899 members, including 2,066 beneficiary members.

The grand president, Mrs. J. H. Moore, of Toledo, Ohio, was elected May 1890 and has been re-elected at every session of the Grand Division since.



MRS. J. H. CULP

Only the wives and widows of the members of the Order of Railway Conductors of America are eligible to membership in the auxiliary.

The objects of the organization are to unite fraternally the wives of the members of the Order of Railway Conductors of America for moral and social improvements; to secure for its members, support and assistance in sickness and distress; to promote and encourage temperance; to establish and maintain a beneficiary association; to co-operate with the Order of Railway Conductors in extending its interest and membership.

The work of the local order, which meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at 2 p.m., in the I.O.O.F. hall, Quebec Bank building, has been principally along social lines although some charity work has been done, such as helping families in trouble. A reception and luncheon were given last January in the I.O.O.F. hall at which there were fifty ladies present. During this same month a very pleasant occasion was participated in when the auxiliary had as its guests the brother conductors, for lunch, who, at the close of the meeting, presented the auxiliary with the sum of \$25 which paid for the handsome banner.

of the division room. Another very pleasant occasion was the giving of a ball at the Macdonald hotel at which there were 375 guests present and the proceeds netted \$211.00. On April 14, 1916, the anniversary of organization, the members indulged in a theatre box party and afterwards a dinner party at which the organizer, Mrs. C. F. Bachelder, was presented with a beautiful engraved spoon bearing the name of the order and the date of the occasion.



MRS. C. F. BACHELDER

Sunset Division sent a representative to St. Louis to the grand convention this year. It now has a membership of thirty-two, in good standing and a number of prospective members for the coming year.

JENNIE BACHELDER, Corresponding Secretary.

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Laugh a little, chaff a little,
Let the gloom go by,
Why be sorry when you're young—
Blue is all the sky.

Dance a little, sing a little,
How I love your mirth.
To me you are the sweetest thing
Upon the whole wide earth.

Help a little, strive a little—
What beauty now indeed;
The glory of a woman's face
Who helped in time of need!

—May L. Armitage.



Alberta Government Department of Agriculture

Educational Courses For Girls in Provincial Schools of Agriculture

The Alberta Provincial Schools of Agriculture have been established specially to assist country boys and girls to become better fitted for their life-work by giving them systematic training in agriculture and house-keeping. There are no academic restrictions for entrance into these schools. Students must be sixteen years of age. The work extends over two years and consists of two terms of five months each, beginning in November and terminating in March. Instruction is free. The expense of the course is limited to the cost of board and the purchase of a few books.

At the end of the second year a final examination is given. A diploma is granted to all who pass this final examination. In addition to this, all those in the agricultural course, who, at the option of the examining board are eligible, are given entrance standing to the Faculty of Agriculture in the University of Alberta. The course in agriculture at the University covers three years and is successfully concluded, entitling the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

Subjects available to girls include: cooking, sewing, laundry, household administration, home-training, sanitation, physiology, and anatomy, food, and home book-keeping, in the first year. These are the subjects of instruction in what may be called household practice. In addition to this, new pupils have lessons in the elementary chemistry and bacteriology underlying household processes, and also have English, arithmetic, and physical culture as subjects of general training and improvement. Beside this, the work in poultry, horticulture, and dairying is open to all girls as well as to boys. Special attention is paid to enlarging the social experience of the boys and girls of the schools. The work is conducted where the subjects are suitable. There are a number of student organizations in the schools. These include: four bodies as governing committees, literary societies, athletic associations, musical clubs, Y. M. C. A., etc.

The schools are situated at Claresholm, Olds and Vermilion, and the names of the principals to whom inquiries should be addressed are as follows:

Mr. C. S. Stoeber	Claresholm, Alberta
Mr. J. B. Jex	Olds, Alberta
Mr. C. G. Gandy	Vermilion, Alberta







CLASS IN SEWING, CLARESHOLM



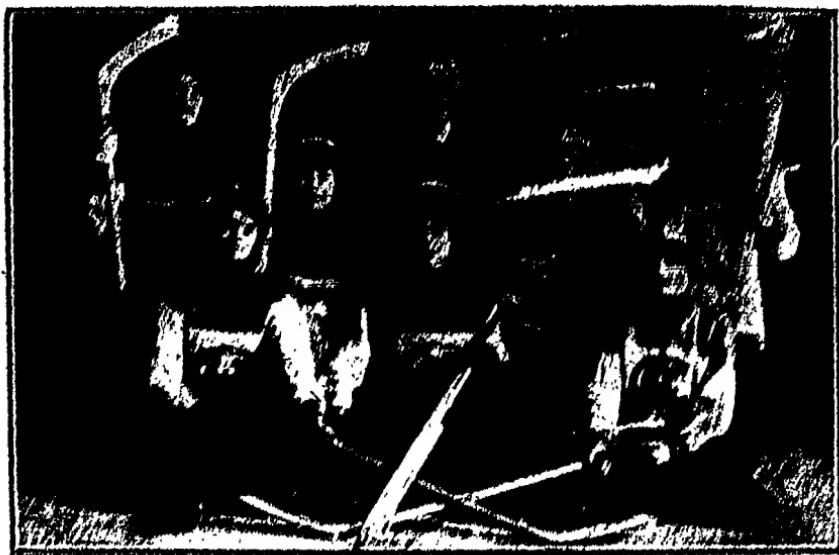
BUSY IN THE LAUNDRY, OLDS



CLASS IN NURSING, CLARESHOLM



LEARNING SOMETHING OF THE CHEMISTRY OF FOODS, OLDS



GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM, CLARKSHOLM



MAKING THE BEST BUTTER, VERMILION

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ALBERTA

OFFICERS FOR 1916:

MISS MARY MAGIRAG, Superintendent

PROVINCIAL ADVISORY BOARD

MISS Ethel Hinde, Lethbridge, Alberta, President
Mr. A. Klemek, Bragg Creek, Alberta, Vice-President
Mr. J. A. McLean, High River, Alberta, Vice-President
Miss Ethel Kildrew, Edmonton, Alberta, Secretary

DIRECTORS

Northwest Alberta: Miss A. H. Hopper,
Fort Macleod, Alberta.
Central Alberta: Mr. H. J. Monte-
gomery, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.
Southeast Alberta: Mr. W. Wherry,
Milk River, Alberta.

THE year 1916 was a year of remarkable development in the Women's Institutes of Alberta. This development has a number of sides. In the first place the organization of the Institutes was changed in an important way. The women's branch of Institute work has secured its autonomy. The new organization is set out in an act of the legislature of the current year, the terms of which are as follows:



MISS MARY MAGIRAG

OBJECTS OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

The objects of the women's Institutes shall be the improvement of social conditions in rural and other communities by means of:

- (1.) The study of home economics, (including home nursing, house-

bold science, sanitation, food values, sickroom cookery, house furnishing, sewing, and other matters; child welfare, prevention of disease, local neighbourhood needs, industrial and social conditions;

(2.) Establishing the women's institutes as a social and educational centre in the community and by utilizing it as a means of welcoming new settlers;

(3.) The encouragement of agriculture and improvement of agricultural conditions;

(4.) The holding, establishment and maintenance of demonstrations, lectures, short course schools, travelling and other libraries, exhibitions, competitions, meetings, conventions and such other utilitarian and attractions as may from time to time be deemed useful for the promotion of the foregoing objects or any of them.



MRS. JEAN MULDREW
ORGANIZATION OF INSTITUTES

Women's institutes may be formed under this act in the following manner:

An application in form A in the schedule hereto and containing the information indicated as required thereby shall be signed by not less than eight women, married or single, all at least sixteen years of age, residents of the community to be served, and not being members of any other women's institute formed under this act.

Every woman signing such application shall pay at least 25 cents as

or as part of her first annual subscription to the funds of the proposed institute and such money shall be paid to and held by one of the subscribers in trust for the institute.

The application shall be verified by one of the subscribers in the form appended to said form A.

The application so verified shall be forwarded to the minister, who, if he approves, may declare the subscribers and others who may thereafter become members, to be organized into a women's institute under the name of "The _____ Women's Institute." He shall thereupon issue a certificate of incorporation thereof in form B in the schedule hereto, and thereafter such institute shall be a body corporate under said name with the objects and powers aforesaid, together with the power of holding such real and personal property as may be necessary for its objects. It shall also be capable of receiving and holding any real or personal property by grant, gift, legacy, or devise and of investing the same or the proceeds thereof and of using the same or any part thereof to the provisions of this act, in the furtherance of the objects of the institute.

An institute may change its name upon obtaining the minister's approval so to do.

Each institute shall adopt a corporate seal, but for the purpose of securing uniformity the designs shall be approved by the minister.

ORGANIZATION

As soon after incorporation as is practicable a meeting of the subscribers and of others who may be qualified as hereinafter mentioned to become members and who may so desire shall be held at the call of one of the subscribers to be designated by the minister and at such time and place and on such notice as he may direct.

Such meeting shall be the organization and first annual meeting of the institute.

A report of said meeting certified by the president and secretary to be elected thereat shall be forwarded by the secretary to the minister within two weeks after the meeting; such report shall include a copy of the minutes of the meeting and shall contain a list of the members and of the officers and committees elected and appointed.

MEMBERSHIP.

The qualification for membership shall be as stated in subsection 1 of Section 4 of this act and any woman having such qualification may become a member of an institute on application to the secretary and on payment to the treasurer of the membership fee which shall be not less than 25 cents.

At the time of such application and payment of fee the applicant for membership shall give the secretary the post office address to which all notices shall be sent.

OFFICERS

The officers of an institute shall be president, two vice-presidents, a

secretary and a treasurer or a secretary-treasurer, who shall be ex officio directors, and at least three directors.

There shall be (in addition to the said three) one director for every ten members in excess of thirty.

There shall be two auditors.

The persons qualified to vote for or to be elected as officers shall be only those members regularly enrolled, who have paid their membership for the ensuing year. To enable persons to become members, the secretary and treasurer, or the secretary-treasurer, as the case may be, shall be at the place appointed for the annual meeting one hour previous to the hour set for such annual meeting.

All officers shall be elected by ballot after previous verbal nomination.

A majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to a choice.

Officers shall hold office till their successors are elected.

In the event of an officer of an institute dying or resigning office or otherwise vacating the same during the period for which she was elected, the directors shall appoint an eligible person to fill the office for the unexpired term.

COMMITTEES

Each institute may appoint such special committees at it may from time to time require. The president shall be ex officio member of all committees.

MEETINGS

Every institute shall hold its annual meeting (other than the organization meeting) on the first Saturday in the month of December in each year at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon at such place as the directors may appoint.

At least two weeks' notice shall be given of any annual or special general meeting of an institute, such notice shall be in writing and either posted by mail to the furnished address of each member or delivered personally at such address. Any further notice may be given which the director may think fit.

Special general meetings may be called by the directors. The notice calling such shall specify the nature of the business to be transacted.

In case of failure to hold the annual meeting as provided in section 16, the minister may appoint a time for holding the same, and the secretary shall notify the members thereof in the manner aforesaid.

The presiding officer at meetings of an institute shall be the president, or in her absence a vice-president, or in the absence of president and vice-president a chairman shall be appointed.

The following shall be the order of business at annual meetings:

Reading and disposing of minutes of preceding annual and intervening special general meetings.

Reports of officers.

Reports of committees.
Unfinished business.
Election of officers.
New business.
Appointment of committees.
Appointment of delegates to annual convention.
Addresses and discussion.
Adjournment.

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Directors' meetings shall be held upon ten days' written notice mailed or delivered by the secretary under the instructions of the president, to each director, at any place or at any time if and when a quorum is present.

The directors shall, subject to the provisions of this act and of the bylaws and regulations of their institute, have full power to act for and on behalf of the institute and all grants and other funds of the society shall be administered under their direction.

QUORUM

Five directors shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the executive of the institute.

BYLAWS

Each institute at an annual or special general meeting called for that purpose may make, alter or repeal bylaws or regulations for its general management not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, such bylaws or regulations shall, however, not have force until approved of by the minister.

The directors shall not sell, mortgage, let or dispose of any real property of the institute unless authorized so to do by a special general meeting called for that purpose.

This section shall, however, not be construed to prevent them from letting their premises for any meeting or convention which would not interfere with the business or meetings of the institute.

RETURNS

A financial return, which shall include a statement in detail of assets and liabilities, receipts and expenditures for the current year with vouchers, shall be made to the minister at least ten days before the annual meeting.

GRANTS

There may be paid by the department out of any money appropriated to it for the purpose to each institute having a paid-up membership of ten or more an annual grant of ten dollars.

The grants mentioned shall be paid only on condition:

(a) That at least four meetings of the institute have been held

during the preceding institute year, except in the case of an institute having been organized during the year.

(b) That a financial statement satisfactory to the minister has been made under section 27 of this act.

(c) That a list of officers for the current year has been furnished the department.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint a superintendent of women's institutes and such other officers as may be required to assist the minister in the performance of his duties under this act and may provide for the remuneration to each, and may confer on such superintendent power to examine the books and accounts of any institute.

The duties of the superintendent other than those referred to in the last preceding section shall be such as are from time to time conferred or imposed on her by the minister.

EXISTING INSTITUTES

Women's institutes already in existence may be declared by the minister to be incorporated under this act under a name similar in form to that provided for it in subsection 4 of section 4 herof and thereafter all the provisions of this act shall apply thereto.

DISORGANIZATION

If it be made to appear to the minister that any institute should be disorganized, he may order and declare that on and after a day to be named by him such institute shall be disorganized and thereupon the same shall cease to exist.

Upon the disorganization of an institute, the minister may appoint a liquidator or liquidators to adjust and settle the assets and liabilities of such institute and such liquidator or liquidators with the approval of the minister shall have power to sell, dispose of, transfer and convert into money all the assets and property of the institute and to apply the said money so far as it will extend in payment, first, of his or her remuneration to be fixed by the minister, and, secondly, in payment of the liabilities of the society and the surplus, if any, shall be paid into the general revenue fund of the province.

CONVENTIONS

For the purpose of interchange of ideas and the promotion of their common objects, an annual convention of women's institutes may be held at such time and place as shall be appointed by the minister. At such convention the provincial president of women's institutes, or in her absence a chairman to be chosen by the convention, shall preside.

Such convention shall be held under the direction of the minister assisted by the provincial advisory board hereafter provided for.

Forthwith after receiving notice of the time and place for the holding

of such convention, the secretary of each institute shall call a special general meeting at which delegates to represent the institute at such convention shall be appointed; substitute delegates may also be appointed to take the place of delegates who may find themselves unable to attend.

PROVINCIAL ADVISORY BOARD

There shall be a provincial advisory board which shall consist of the deputy minister, the superintendent of women's institutes and seven members chosen at the annual convention.

The duties of the provincial advisory board shall be to advise the minister in any matter arising in connection with women's institutes and their work.

The said board shall meet on the call of the superintendent of women's institutes.

The secretary-treasurer shall report the recommendations of the said board to the minister forthwith after each meeting.

REGULATIONS

The minister shall have power to make regulations and provisions not inconsistent with this act for the carrying out of the objects thereof.

The second feature of development is that of general expansion in the number of organizations carrying on work in the province. Within the year 1915 itself the number of branch institutes increased from forty to one hundred and seven and the membership from fourteen hundred to three thousand, and since the first of January, 1916, the number of branches has increased to one hundred and thirty-two and the membership to fully thirty-seven hundred.

SOCIOLOGICAL OUTLOOK

These figures are significant and encouraging but are really not of great importance apart from the rapid transformation in the aims, ideals and actual accomplishment of the women's institute. While the organization has been in its infancy, the aims and likewise the performance of the work have been of a rather formal and elementary type. They have related largely to such elemental matters as improvement in cooking, sewing, sanitation, etc. While these matters are important, they are not of a nature to result in any transformation in the isolated and self-centred life of the country family. The great change that has taken place and one that is going to change the whole country outlook is that of engaging the interest and activity of country people in community undertakings. The demands of the war have been instrumental in calling out a fine type of community work. In fact, this larger type of work has, to a considerable extent, monopolized the interest and activity of the women of the country just as it has in the case of the men. We quote a reference to this work from the annual report of the Department of Agriculture:

"During the past year the branches have contributed \$6,459.00 to the various war funds, and have also sent forward hundreds of packages of clothing and Red Cross supplies. The Red Cross work has been taken up most energetically by almost all branch institutes, each member endeavoring to do her part in the defence of the Empire. When we consider the busy life and many duties of the women living on the farm, the value of the work is indeed appreciated. Much has also been accomplished toward the relief of the destitute in the province. One branch alone contributed over six hundred dollars. Many others supplied food, fuel and clothing."

OUTLOOK OF THE INSTITUTE

It is significant likewise that in the rest of the report the enlarged outlook of the women's organizations has constant emphasis. It is evident that, when the war is over, the training and experience which the women of the country have gone through in co-operative undertakings will have equipped them to transform the lives of their immediate communities. The following paragraph indicates what we may expect in this regard:

"Although the work of the institute since the beginning of the war has been directed almost exclusively to assisting the Red Cross, Belgian Relief, and patriotic organizations, considerable local work has also been accomplished. Many branches have held flower shows and bread-making contests, established rest rooms for the benefit of the women from the country, and organized market days. Other local improvement work has also received their attention. An effort is being made by many of our branch institutes to establish medical inspection for rural schools, and to provide trained nurses for remote rural districts. They purpose as soon as the necessity for Red Cross work has ceased, to direct their energies more particularly to this end."

Certainly every phase of institute activity emphasizes the growth and the larger sociological aims of the women's organizations in the country. By coming together for any single kind of community effort, women are enabled as never before to exchange experiences and give mutual help on matters ranging from the simplest concerns of household practice to larger social improvements and to become to a greater extent than ever before transforming influences in the whole community life, relating to home-keeping and home-making, sanitation, decoration and improvement, to educational services, hospital services, medical inspection of schools, social, literary and other improving organizations, etc. The outlook is in the highest sense encouraging.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

The first annual convention of the Alberta Women's Institute was held in 1915, in the Provincial School of Agriculture at Olds, on February 17th and 18th. The convention took place in conjunction with the Agricultural Fairs Association convention. The meetings were remarkably well attended, about one hundred delegates being present, and the pro-

eeings throughout were marked by a whole-hearted enthusiasm which augured well for the subsequent success of the organization.

The address of welcome was delivered by the Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture. He stated that he was especially pleased to have the convention meet at a place where they could have an opportunity of seeing for themselves the work done at one of the schools of agriculture. The minister said that at present the number of boys in these schools was about four times the number of girls, but he hoped that in the future this would be changed, as there was no reason why educational advantages should not be secured equally to girls and boys on the farms. He stated that one object of the schools was to teach the girls to fulfil their various duties in a better and more scientific fashion. They would thereby obtain satisfaction out of their work—a very important thing. He expected great things from the missionary work which the women's institutes would perform throughout the province.

The other numbers on the programme were as follows:

February 17th.

Address—Superintendent of Women's Institutes.

Election of officers.

Address—Woman's Place in the Development of Alberta—Mrs. E. J. Hill, Edmonton.

Demonstration—Dairying—Mr. H. S. Pearson, Department of Agriculture.

In the evening the Women's Institute and Fairs Association delegation were entertained at a banquet given by the staff and students of the Olds Agricultural School.

February 18th.

Address—The Efficient Woman in the Home—Mrs. McRae, Queen's Ladies' College, Red Deer.

Discussion.

Paper—Value of Keeping Household Accounts—Miss A. F. Hartley, Vermillion Agricultural School.

Demonstration—Table Service Setting—Miss M. Gibbie, Olds Agricultural School.

Discussion.

Address—Social Life in Country Homes—Mrs. Nellie McPherson, Edmonton.

Address—Poultry—Mr. A. W. Foley, Department of Agriculture.

Paper—Home Furnishings—Miss M. Hayward, Lethbridge Agricultural School.

Address—Miss L. Noble, Daysland.

With a view to bringing about closer relations between the women's institute branches and the department of agriculture, it was thought

presently to ask the Delegates to elect representatives to act upon the Advisory Board, this board to be known as the Provincial Advisory Board of the Women's Institutes, and to consist of the superintendent of the normal institutes and the following officers elected at each annual convention. A president, two vice-presidents, a secretary-treasurer and six directors.

INSTRUCTION AND LIBRARY WORK

During the year several additions were made to the corps of institute superintendents, with the exception they have shown marked ability and have won great success. In the months of April, May and June several institutes were visited by Miss Coates, a trained nurse, and by three young women selected in the provincial schools of agriculture, Miss Evelyn, Louise and Hayward. These ladies gave lectures and demonstrations in Cooking, Sewing, Laundry Work and Home Nursing. Several institutes had the privilege of listening to addresses by Miss Anna Noble and Mrs. Mildew.

On July 1st, August 1st, branch institutes were visited by the Mixed Science Train. On this train two cars were reserved for domestic science, one for demonstration purposes and the other for lectures from the Domestic Science and Women's Institute superintendents. Many institutes availed themselves of the privilege thus offered, the audience ranging from 100 to 500 women.

Many institutes offered books, papers and articles on numerous subjects and sent requests to members of various branches, thus assisting them in the preparation of papers and addresses for their annual meetings. Many institutes also received our travelling library.

EXPANSION IN INSTITUTE FUNCTIONS

Throughout the various branches during the year one could not fail to notice the fact that in every place the real value of the women's institutes is being more and more made to the home and life of our people in general, especially the young.

The women of Ontario greatly feels that one of the most interesting and important of the institutes have come to regard it as a natural and proper identification to find that each year more and more of our women, both young and old, are asking for information regarding the care and welfare of hospital patients. Such close relations with the hospitals from the various institutes branch seem to demonstrate that the work of the department for the homemaker is of great value in that it is of direct practical aid to the housewives. The women, I trust, in their efforts for efficient and complete work.

It is difficult to realize just those concerned in it how broad is the subject, and how varied relatively of the housekeeper's problems, but the scope of their work. Household equipment, labor economy, cooking, house organization, home ventilation and hygiene, the

relation of right methods of work to the prevention of fatigue—these are some of the topics which are as much in need of study as are questions of food and economies of the Household. It speaks well for the house-keeper's interests in the future that the department of agriculture through the women's institute branch is giving the matter attention and endeavoring so to adjust its activities that it may still further meet the housekeeper's needs.

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After a while, when all our real estate has been sold, and all our companies have been promoted, we of Alberta shall have time and inclination to consider our provincial plant. Grant us then that it may be the sunflower.—Janey Canuck.

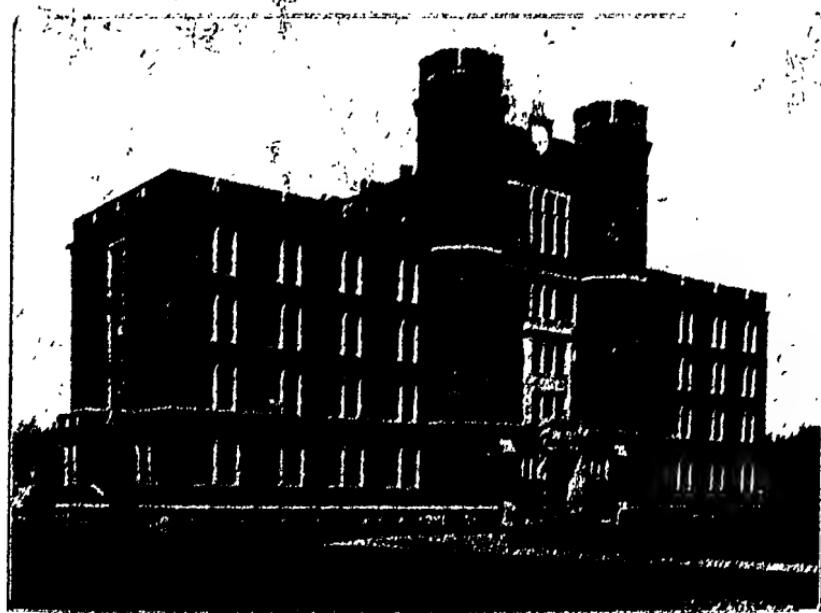
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The time will come, we hope, when women will be economically free, and mentally and spiritually independent enough to refuse to have their food paid for by men; when women will receive equal pay for equal work, and have all avenues of activity open to them; and will be free to choose their own mates without shame or indelicacy; when men will not be afraid of marriage because of the financial burden, but free men and free women will marry for love, and together work for the sustenance of their families.—Nellie McClung.

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LAWS OF ALBERTA CONCERNING WOMEN.

Elizabeth Bailey Price

*"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfilleth himself in many ways."*

—Tennyson.

FOR a province that was only born in 1905, and therefore is but eleven years old, legislation affecting women in Alberta is wonderfully progressive, although, as yet, it is far from ideal.

When Alberta was carved out of the North West Territories, the right of womankind to recognition by the law-makers was scarcely considered, members of the "gentler sex" being in such a hopeless minority. They were merely "wives and daughters," supreme in their own and only recognized sphere, which of course was limited to housekeeping and homekeeping.

Such association of ideas as dower rights and wives were as far distant from each other as the north and south. This continued to be ignored until the pioneer women had finished their pioneering and the new-coming women joined forces with them and under the leadership of that most capable and clever woman, Mrs. Arthur Murphy, now president of the Canadian Women's Press Club, they started a campaign for a dower right of the married woman in her husband's estate. The first concession granted was an act known as "The Married Woman's Relief Act," which however, only provided recognition of the married woman's claim in her husband's estate in the event of his death, that claim to be settled by a judge of the supreme court. At that time Mrs. Murphy strongly urged that the wife might have some claim on the property known as the "home" during the lifetime of her husband. This was refused but was granted in April 1916, in an act known as "The Married Woman's Home Protection Act," which provides that a wife can file a caveat against the property known as the "home," and thus, by law, prevent its sale without her consent. For the married woman to take such an extreme measure, one can easily see that a great deal of trouble in the home would at once ensue and hence some women have called this "The Married Woman's Home Destruction Act."

However, the Edmonton Local Council of Women has requested that, at the next meeting of the legislature, an act be passed GIVING A WIFE A DOWER OF ONE-HALF OF HER HUSBAND'S REAL ESTATE and

the law to be unaltered as to a wife being sole heir to her husband's estate where there are no children or no will.

Another step forward will be the request for the amendment of the Infant's Act and the substitution of an act giving parents joint guardianship over their children and the sole guardianship to remain with the survivor, or in short EQUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS THROUGHOUT.

These requests were presented to Premier Biston by Mrs. Arthur Murphy, a member of the executive of the National Council of Women of Canada and Mrs. Chester Gainer, convenor of the Edmonton Local Council Laws Committee.

That these will be endorsed there can be no reason of a doubt, in that the government of Alberta has amply demonstrated that it is in the vanguard of progress in all matters where the well-being of women and children and the security of the home is concerned.

"Votes for Women" was a subject that was, at first, considered in the light of a joke by those inclined to ridicule, and a sacrilege by the more serious-minded men who feared an invasion of the "home." Particulars of the struggle for the ballot--perhaps the word "struggle" is too strong a term, for, in justice to the men of the province it must be admitted that they very graciously and reasonably granted the franchise, when the case was fairly put up to them--may be read in the report of the Equal Franchise League, of which Mrs. Nellie McClung, a member of the Press Club, is vice-president.

THE EQUAL FRANCHISE ACT

The act providing for woman suffrage reads as follows:

Notwithstanding any provisions therein contained women shall be on an equality with and have the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same penalties and disabilities as men in the following Acts, Ordinances, and Charters.

There follows a list of all the provincial acts in which provision is made for the exercise of the franchise and women are placed on an equality with men, both as regards the right to vote and eligibility for any office filled by election or by appointment in provincial and municipal affairs, from member of the legislature to secretary-treasurer of a school district.

PROPERTY LAWS

A married woman has all the rights and is subject to all the liabilities in regard to property, real and personal, the same as if unmarried.

Husband and wife may transfer land to each other without the intervention of a trustee.

A wife's property is not liable for a husband's debts.

A wife has control of her own earnings.

A wife may make a will without the authorization of her husband.

A married woman may sue and be sued without intervention. Costs recovered shall be her property. Costs registered against her are payable out of her own property and not otherwise, unless her husband has intermeddled.

THE MARRIED WOMAN'S RELIEF ACT

The Married Woman's Relief Act provides that:

In the event of a husband's death, the wife may within sixty days after the date of his death make application for a share of the property comprising the estate of the deceased. This application is considered by a judge of the supreme court, who may make provision according to his discretion, notwithstanding the conditions of any will or testament of the deceased.

THE MARRIED WOMAN'S HOME PROTECTION ACT

The Married Woman's Home Protection Act provides:

That a wife may, without charge, file a caveat against any transfer, mortgage, lease, encumbrance or other instrument made by her husband affecting a homestead or house and buildings occupied as a home within the past six months. At any time thereafter the husband may apply to a judge of the supreme court for a removal of this caveat and the judge may make such an order as seems to him best.

So long as such caveat remains in force the registrar shall not register any transfer, mortgage, encumbrance, lease or other instrument made by or on behalf of the husband purporting to affect the land in respect to which the caveat is filed.

THE INFANTS ACT

Paternal rather than parental is the act which is known as "The Infants Act" and this is one of the statutes which the Edmonton Local Council of Women is urging to be amended. The act provides that:

The supreme court, upon the application of the mother of an infant, may make order as to the custody of and right of access to an infant, having regard to the welfare of the infant and to the conduct and wishes of the parents and may alter, vary or discharge the order

on application of either parent and in every case make such order respecting the costs of the mother and the liability of the father for the same, or otherwise as the court may deem just.

No order directing that the mother shall have the custody of or access to an infant shall be made in favour of a mother against whom adultery has been established by judgment in an action for criminal conversation or for alimony.

The father of an infant, whether born at the time of decease of the father, or unborn, by deed or by his last will and testament in such a manner and from time to time as he shall think fit, may dispose of the custody and education of such infant, while he remains an infant or for any lesser time to any person in possession or remainder.

On the death of the father of an infant, the mother if surviving, shall be the guardian of the infant either alone, when no guardian has been appointed by the father or jointly with any guardian appointed by the father.

DEVOLUTION OF ESTATES

According to the laws of Alberta, when a man dies intestate, leaving a widow, then in case one child has been born to the intestate, either by the wife living at his death or by a former wife, one-half of the property of such intestate shall belong to such widow and the other half to such child, if living after the legal representative of such child is deceased.

AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING DEVOLUTION OF ESTATES

If parents of a child born out of wedlock should marry such child shall, for the purpose of this ordinance and all other purposes shall be deemed the legitimate child of such parents.

An illegitimate child inherits equally with a legitimate child the property of a mother dying intestate; the mother is the sole heir of an illegitimate child dying intestate and without issue.

THE VITAL STATISTICS ACT

The Vital Statistics Act prescribes the duties of the Deputy Registrar-General of Vital Statistics, and district registrars in regard to the registration of births, marriages and deaths and returns as to population statistics and the duties of cemetery caretakers. It fixes heavy penalties for the neglect or refusal to report births, marriages, deaths, or burials within specified time limits.

THE CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT

The Children's Protection Act provides that the age of a child within the meaning of the law, be raised from 16 to 18 years, thus giving the Juvenile Court and the Children's Aid Society jurisdiction up to the age of 18, and provides that a city or town having more than 5,000 population

MUST maintain a children's shelter and must appoint an agent or officer to enforce the act.

MARRIAGE LAWS

Contracting parties in this province must be of the full age of 21 years or have the consent of father, or if father be deceased, of the mother, or if both parents are deceased, of the guardian. One exception is made to this, in the case of a female over 18 years of age living apart from her parents and earning her own living, when consent of parents or guardian is not necessary.

The Marriage law was amended by the 1916 legislature, the text of the amendment stating that contracting parties under the age of 18 must have the consent of both parents; between the ages of 18 and 21 the consent of either parent.

DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

The laws relating to and providing for divorce in Alberta are the laws of the Dominion of Canada, which provide that persons seeking divorce must do so through the Senate of Canada. Applications for divorce submitted to the Senate are referred to a special committee of senators, who are appointed by the Senate, and who report to that body. Divorce can only be legalized by special act of parliament.

With a very few exceptions of early date there is no instance of divorce being granted without adultery having been proven. Other offences are considered in conjunction with this charge.

The supreme court of Alberta is empowered to deal with applications for separation and alimony and with the validity of marriage. Separation and alimony may be granted according to the laws of England.

ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF VOLUNTEERS AND RESERVISTS

The act for the relief of volunteers and reservists provides that no action shall be brought or proceedings taken against any volunteer or reservist OR AGAINST THE WIFE or any dependent member of his family for the enforcement of any debt or any mortgage or other security incurred before the passing of the act, until one year after the close of the war or after the discharge of the volunteer or reservist, whichever shall first happen. This protection applies not only to the British volunteers and reservists, but also to any and all of the volunteers and reservists of Britain's allies. Provision is made to prevent the fraudulent disposal or waste of the property of volunteers during their absence.

THE CHANGE OF NAME ACT

The Change of Name Act makes provision for a change of name of any person by application to the Provincial Secretary upon complying with certain conditions and payment of the necessary fees. A heavy fine may be imposed on any person convicted of using a name not legally his own.

LIQUOR ACT

Alberta was the first province in Canada to pass a Direct Legislation Act and the vote on the Liquor Act was the first reference to the electors under its provisions. To the women of Alberta should go a large share of the credit for the passing of the referendum upon the Liquor Act. (Note the work of the W. C. T. U. women in their report.) The act is a prohibitory measure so far as it is possible to make it so under Canadian laws. The act provides:

That liquor be sold in the province only by government vendors, or druggists and then only on the written order of physicians, veterinary surgeons and dentists; and only for medical, scientific, mechanical or sacramental purposes.

Liquor cannot be sold, consumed, kept or given in any house or building occupied or partially occupied as an office, in any factory, workshop, warehouse, club house, public or private hall, lodging house, inn, tavern, hotel, etc.

The burden of proving the right, to have, sell or consume, shall be on the person accused of improperly or unlawfully having, keeping, selling, or consuming liquor.



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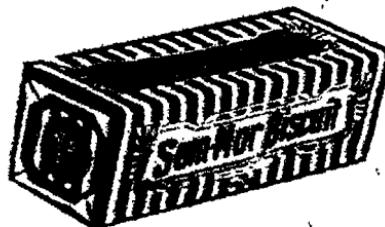
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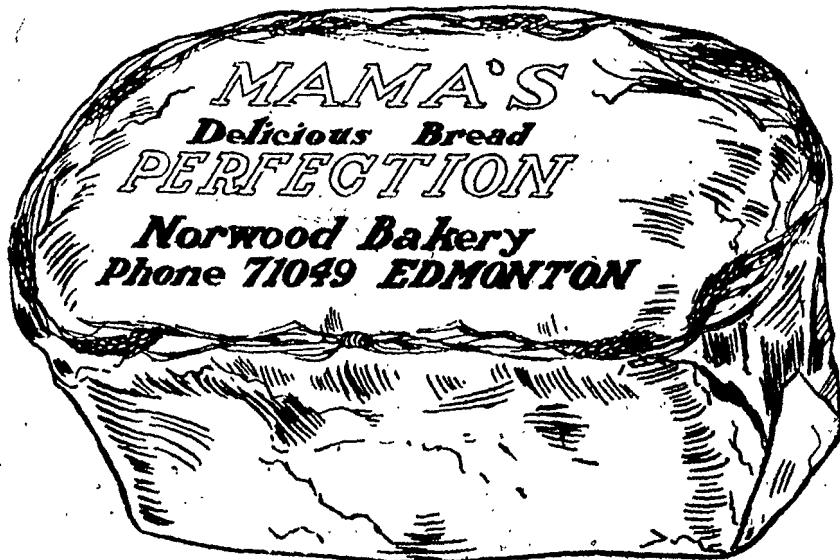
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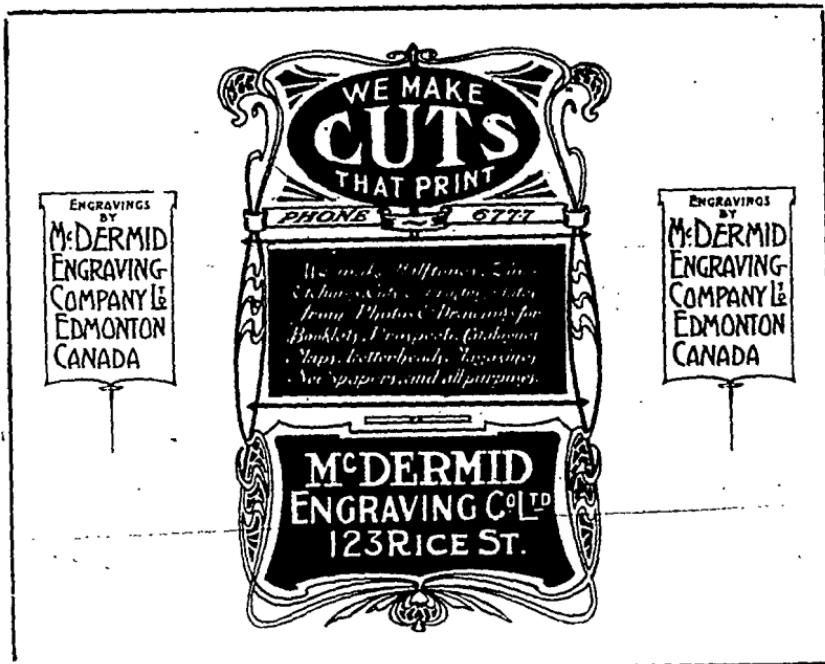
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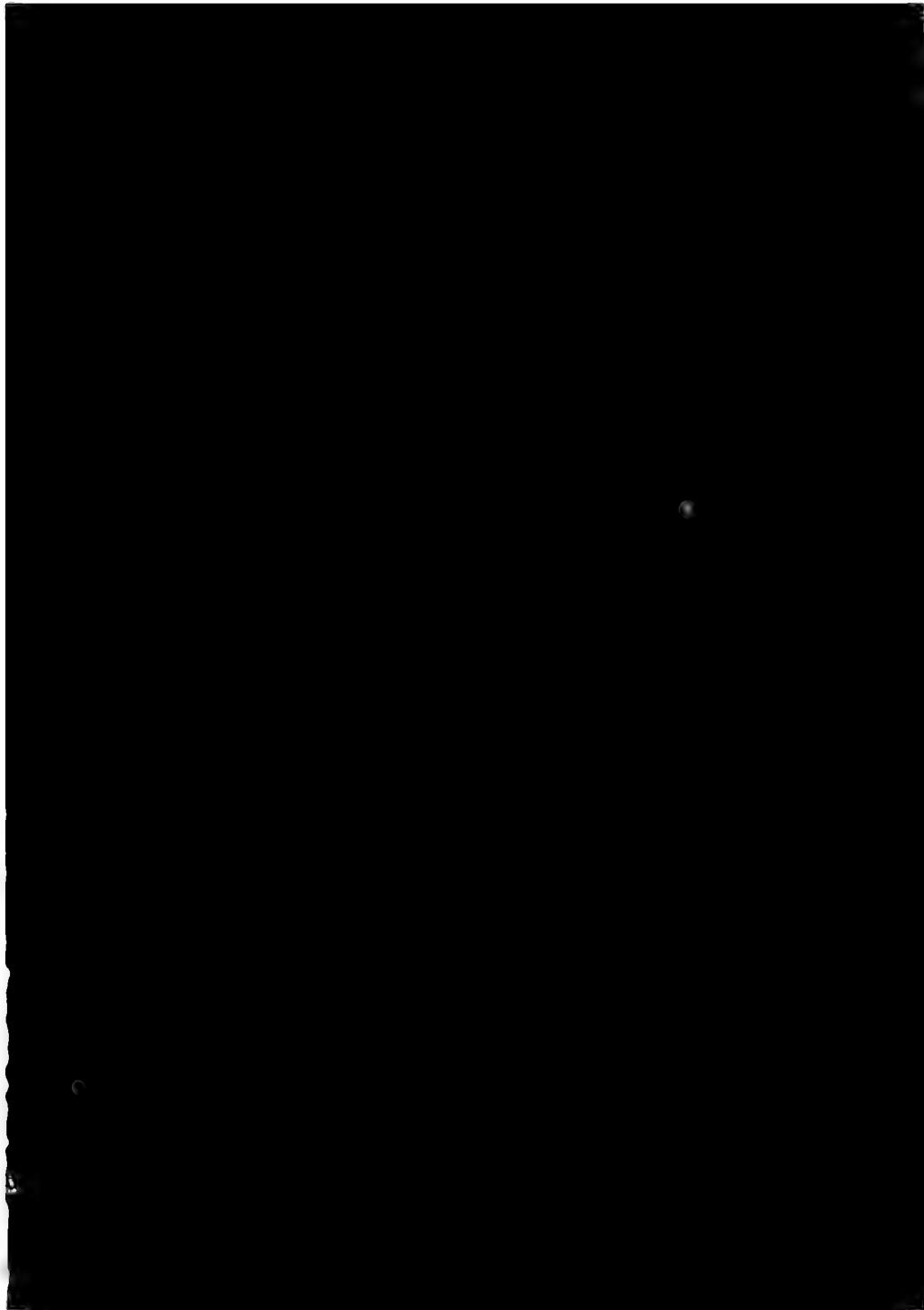
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